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Direct talks will be difficult, says Iran UN teams arrive to prepare for truce

TEHRAN, Aug. 10. (Agencies): United Nations officials arrived in Tehran and Baghdad today to prepare for an Aug. 20 Gulf war ceasefire, but a senior Iranian diplomat said the ensuing direct peace talks with Iraq will be very difficult.

Also today, Tehran Radio reported that Iraqi warplanes violated Iranian airspace in the southwest of the country. No bombing was reported.

The radio also reported Iran continued to send fresh troops to the war front.

The official Iraqi News Agency and other Iraqi reports, did not mention any such movements by the Air Force.

Monitor

Five members of the UN Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group, (UNIMOG), arrived in the Iranian capital and were holding talks with officials to prepare for the arrival of hundreds of truce observers.

The observers will initially work in the southern and western areas of the country to monitor military movements until the ceasefire starts, the Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

Another five UN officials arrived in Baghdad, sources close to the delegation said in the Iraqi capital. They said another six would arrive on Friday, with more to arrive in the following days.

The full contingent of 350 observers from 24 countries is expected to be in place within a week, well before the scheduled ceasefire date, according to UN officials.

Compensation

Five days after the ceasefire begins on Aug. 20, delegations from Iran and Iraq will meet in Geneva for face-to-face peace talks under the auspices of Perez de Cuellar. The talks will take place at least at the foreign ministers' level.

Cyrus Nasseri, head of the Iranian mission to the United Nations in Geneva, said that there was hope for a lasting peace in the region if there was a "positive response from the international community" to the issues at stake.

"The talks in Geneva are going to be very difficult," he told an international conference organized by Iran to discuss "aggression and defence."

"Iran's rights have to be preserved," he said, using Iran's shorthand for its demand that Iraq be identified as starting the war. Iran also wants "compensation for aggression."

The Security Council today approved the secretary-general's list of the 24 nations sending officers to monitor the ceasefire.

The nations are: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ghana, Hungary, Indonesia, India, Ireland, Italy, Kenya, Malaysia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Senegal, Sweden, Turkey, Yugoslavia and Zambia.

Next Tuesday, the General Assembly will reconvene in special session to approve funding for Iran-Iraq ceasefire monitoring group. UN spokeswoman Nadia Younes said. The special session is expected to last two days.

In Washington, White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said today that Gulf Arab states would be urged to donate a substantial portion of the peace-keeping effort's cost.

"We'll be giving the same message to other countries like Japan and others who have an interest in the Gulf," Fitzwater said.

A UN spokesman said that the world body would run out of money before October if countries which owe dues fail to pay their arrears.

In a report to the 15-member Security Council yesterday, Perez de Cuellar estimated the force's cost at \$74 million.

"I simply do not have the money for this," he said.

Obligation

The total of unpaid contributions to the UN budget by member nations is \$602 million, including \$467 million owed by the United States. America is assessed more than \$200 million a year, a quarter of the annual UN budget.

"I think the United States will meet its obligations and make its payments," US Ambassador Vernon Walters said yesterday.

Perez de Cuellar announced the ceasefire date after Iraq gave up its demand for face-to-face talks with Iran as a precondition.

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Mubarak (left) greets Murphy before talks in Cairo. (Reuters wirephoto)

Egypt fails to arrange Murphy-Palestinian meeting

CAIRO, Aug. 10. (AP): Winding up a five-nation Middle East tour to appraise prospects of initiating Arab-Israeli peace talks, US Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy conferred today with President Hosni Mubarak.

The meeting came the day after Murphy announced the failure of an Egyptian effort to arrange a Cairo meeting between him and Palestinian representatives during his current swing.

Murphy gave no reason, but a well-connected Palestinian source said the Americans objected to two of six proposed Palestinian participants, apparently because they were closely linked to the PLO.

Before coming to Cairo yesterday, Murphy visited Lebanon, Syria, Israel and Jordan.

Neither Murphy nor any of the leaders he has talked with since the tour began last Thursday dropped any hint of progress toward ending the current stagnation in Arab-Israeli peace efforts.

Before starting his tour, Murphy said in Washington he hoped to meet with some Palestinians but that there was no change in the US policy banning contacts with PLO officials.

Egypt offered to help arrange the meeting in Cairo.

The Palestinian source, who demanded anonymity, said the PLO gave Egypt a list of six names for relay to the Americans who took exception to two.

Raised

The source said the Palestinians against whom objections were raised were Nabil Shaath, a Cairo-based businessman who heads the political committee of the Palestine National Council, and Akram Haniyeh, former editor of the West Bank Arabic newspaper As-Saab who was expelled by Israeli authorities last year.

Shaath serves as unofficial political adviser to PLO leader Yasser Arafat. Haniyeh is a member of the PNC, the PLO's legislative arm and highest policy-making body.

The Palestinian source, himself a prominent PNC member, said the Americans accepted the other four proposed representatives, all of whom previously had met with Shultz.

They were East Jerusalem newspaper editor Hanna Siniora, Fayed Abu-Rahme, a prominent lawyer in the Israeli-occupied Gaza sector, and university professors Edward Said and Ibrahim Abu-Lughod, both naturalized Americans and PNC members.

Murphy told reporters in Cairo last night that a meeting with Palestinians on this tour "is not possible, I regret that and appreciate Egypt's effort."

But Murphy said the United States will continue to meet with Palestinians because "we consider Palestinians must play an active role in the peace process and in every stage of decision-making."

Trunk call charges to be reduced

By Salem Al Wawwan

CHARGES for trunk calls and telegrams from Kuwait to all over the world is likely to be reduced soon, according to an official of the Ministry of Communications.

The director of the international communications department, Mariam Al Asfour disclosed that she has submitted a comprehensive study on this issue and proposed big reductions.

She said that reductions will vary from one country to another, but on an average it will be around 50 per cent.

Al Asfour hoped that the ministry would approve her study and recommendations very shortly.

Meanwhile, it is reliably learnt that the reductions will be announced within the next week.

The director said that charges on calls among the GCC states have already been reduced. Additionally, the ministry recently reduced charges and fees of telex and some other services.

The annual subscription fee for the telex line was reduced from KD140 to KD70. Charges for installation of new telex lines were also reduced by half and the ministry also announced reductions on many other communication charges, she said.

Service

Al Asfour added that the ministry is preparing to introduce a new financial computerised service at the beginning of October. The new service is to be known as "Swift Service" and will provide local banks and financial companies with the latest information via computers.

She stressed that throughout the eight-year Iran-Iraq war, telephone services never stopped. However, Kuwait suspended international communication services with Lebanon, because of the war, she said.

Helicopter crash
ISLAMABAD, Aug. 10. (UPI): An Afghan helicopter crashed into a residential district of Kabul killing an undetermined number of crew on board and two people on the ground, a Western diplomat said today.

Amir congratulates Iran

HH the Amir has sent a message to the Iranian President Ali Khamenei congratulating him for reaching a ceasefire in the Gulf war.

Pakistani woman acquitted of adultery

KARACHI, Aug. 10. (AP): A woman convicted of adultery and sentenced last year to death by stoning, to death has been acquitted following a retrial.

"I have started a new life. I prayed to God who helped me and my husband got justice," Shahida Parveen said yesterday after her acquittal the day before. An Islamic court had sentenced her to stoning.

Her husband, Mohammad Sarwar, who was also her cousin, was also charged with adultery after Parveen's former spouse claimed he had never divorced her.

It was reported that then-Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo became involved in the case after articles on the case were given to him.

Investigation

An investigation was launched and in February a retrial was ordered.

Islamic law demands a confession or four witnesses to prove adultery. The retrial revealed Parveen had not confessed and there were no witnesses to the alleged crime.

The adultery charge was brought by Khushi Mohammad. Parveen said she and Khushi were divorced in April 1986 because she could not have children and he wanted to marry another woman.

Parveen, a carpenter's daughter, was only 13 when she married Khushi then 40.

Six days through enemy territory

BAGHDAD, Aug. 10. (AP): An Iraqi pilot shot down over Iran said today he trekked home, wounded and thirsty, for six days through enemy territory, accompanied by a black and white bird.

Kassem Hassan Hamid Al Dulayni told a conference of local reporters he became so thirsty he had to drink his own urine and twice narrowly evaded capture on his 25-mile (40-kilometre) journey to the rugged central border.

His account was carried by the official Iraqi News Agency.

"It was God who gave me patience and faith," the Air Force captain said.

He also said "I recalled the movie about President Saddam Hussein" who escaped arrest after being wounded while taking part in an assassination attempt against former President Abdul Karim Qassem.

Accompanied

"It was a very good omen for me that I was accompanied on my journey by a very strange bird, a bird with black and white feathers," Al Dulayni said.

The pilot told reporters he was shot down inside Iranian territory and was forced to eject from his jet. He did not describe the date or precise location.

He said he suffered injuries to his left arm, left leg and his neck.

"When I landed on the ground, I didn't find any trace of the Iranians... I didn't get caught, so I decided to do the impossible and return to the homeland."

He said he climbed a peak three miles (five kilometres) away to reconnoitre the area, and found a cave in which to sleep.

In the morning, he said, he looked out over "a difficult and rugged" land, but set out for the west and the Iraqi border, using a compass for bearings.

"I was really very thirsty, so I was forced to drink my own urine, although I knew it was dangerous," he said. "But it was hot and I couldn't avoid it."

Uniform

He said he felt feverish for much of the journey, and to cool off dug a hole in the ground in which to sleep.

He said his green uniform twice helped him blend into the grassy surroundings and evade capture by a passing Iranian patrol and later by a tank.

"When I reached the Himeen mountains (on the central border), I realized that my journey would soon be over," he said.

"The most difficult part was when I had to cross a small bridge on a river near the border," he said. "When I managed to do that, the homeland was open before me."

He said he approached Iraqi lines waving a white flag, and Iraqi troops initially took him for a surrendering Iranian soldier.

When they found he was an Iraqi pilot, he said, they cried out in happiness and "carried me on their shoulders."

Vincennes leaving the Gulf

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10. (UPI): Five Iranian fishermen rescued by the Vincennes, the US warship that mistakenly shot down an Iranian airliner last month, have been transferred to another ship because the Vincennes is leaving the Gulf, the Pentagon said yesterday.

Pentagon spokesman Dan Howard said the five, who were picked up on Sunday in a dinghy after their fishing boat sunk, have been transferred to the guided missile cruiser USS Texas.

"Their return to Iran is being handled through diplomatic channels," Howard said.

Howard did not elaborate, but a Navy official said the transfer was made because the Vincennes is leaving the Gulf area, steaming south of the Arabian Sea.

Another official said the Vincennes will be replaced in several weeks by the Aegis missile cruiser Mobile Bay, which recently left its homeport of Mayport, Florida, for the Gulf escorted by a cruiser and three frigates.

Israel to crush attempts to declare Palestinian state

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 10. (Agencies): Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said today that Israel would use an iron fist to stop any moves to form an independent Palestinian state or a Palestinian government-in-exile.

He rejected international demands for Palestinian self-determination as "hypocritical and meaningless."

At a special session of the Israeli Parliament called to discuss Jordan's disengagement from the Israeli-occupied West Bank, Shamir said he opposed Palestinian proposals for an independent state in Israeli-occupied territories and for a Palestinian government-in-exile.

"Israel will not play this game. It will prevent, with the utmost vigour, any idea of a Palestinian government," he said.

"Should there be maniacs who raise (the idea), they will encounter an iron fist which will leave no trace of such attempts," the Israeli right-wing leader said.

Demands

Shamir rejected pressure to negotiate with Palestinians following King Hussein of Jordan's announcement last month that he was assuming responsibility for the West Bank to the PLO.

Israel captured the West Bank, home to 850,000 Palestinians, from Jordan in the 1967 Middle East war.

"There is no government in Israel that will countenance phoney, meaningless and hypocritical international demands for self-determination for Palestinians," Shamir said.

At an inner cabinet meeting on the Jordanian disengagement, Shamir and dovish Foreign Minister Shimon Peres clashed over peace moves in one of the most heated sessions in recent memory, political sources said.

The sources said Peres and Shamir, both red in the face and gesticulating, argued over the future of the West Bank and occupied Gaza Strip, which have witnessed an eight-month-old

Men should be kinder, not so virile

GENEVA, Aug. 10. (Reuters): There might be fewer lesbians and homosexuals if men were kinder to women and less concerned with their sexual performance, a United Nations report said yesterday.

The 34-page document on the problems of sexual minorities, drafted by Jean Feraud, a French ambassador to the UN European office in Geneva, said society had probably over-emphasized the differences between the sexes.

"It is more than likely that the assertion of a purported male supremacy has had a deeply disturbing effect on many women, and that there would be fewer lesbians if men were able to be more affectionate, more attentive and more tactful."

"Also, the virility model presented to men, seeming unattainable to many of them, has caused them to drift towards alternative forms of sexual activity."

"There would be less impotence and homosexuality if"

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Minimum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 32°C (90°F)
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Telephone tapping controversy forces Hegde to resign

NEW DELHI, Aug. 10. (UPI): The popular chief minister of Karnataka, in a dramatic twist to India's latest political scandal, announced his resignation today following a disclosure that the telephones of politicians and journalists in his state were tapped.

The surprise decision of Chief Minister Ramakrishna Hegde was first disclosed when his Janata Party colleague, Madhu Dandavate, read his resignation letter to an astonished lower house of Parliament during a discussion on the eavesdropping case.

Impression

"Even though I had nothing to do with this undesirable practice of telephone tapping, I have to assume the moral responsibility for it," Hegde said in the letter.

Hegde added that he was also resigning as "there is no way to dispel the wrong impression deliberately created by" Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, who charged yesterday in Parliament that the Karnataka government had broken the law on telephone intercepts.

Opposition members of Parliament, reacting to Rajiv's assertion, charged that their telephones were being monitored illegally by the central government and called for his resignation.

At a news conference in New Delhi this afternoon, Hegde confirmed he was quitting after governing southern Karnataka for more than five years, during which he came to be regarded as one of India's most competent and popular state administrators.

The scandal erupted yesterday when the Times of India newspaper printed on its front page a letter sent to the Karnataka telephone company by a senior police official ordering taps on

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Hegde

Haj quota system to continue

CAIRO, Aug. 10. (KUNA): The Saudi ambassador to Egypt, Assad Abul Nasser today said that the quota system limiting the number of pilgrims from various Islamic countries will continue for another five to 10 years.

The envoy added that the decision, which was endorsed by the Islamic states' foreign ministers in Amman, was due to the initiation of huge projects to expand the two holy shrines in Makkah and Madina to accommodate the increasing number of pilgrims.

Abul Nasser, speaking at a press conference in the embassy building, said that Iran rejected the decision and refused to send its allocated 45,000 pilgrims, thus depriving its people of the chance to perform haj this year.

INTERNATIONAL

Controversy over Palestinian state

PLO not ready for W. Bank role

AMMAN, Aug. 10. (Agencies): PLO officials acknowledged yesterday they would have difficulty taking over Jordan's financial and administrative responsibilities in the Israeli-occupied West Bank following King Hussein's disengagement from the territory.

"The institutions of the PLO are not ready," said Abdul Jawad Saleh, a former member of the PLO executive committee and a current member of the Palestine National Council, its legislative body.

"Our people will succeed, really, but I don't put great hopes in the institutions of the PLO," said Saleh, a former mayor of the West Bank city of El Bireh who was expelled by Israel.

Other officials of the PLO reacted negatively to the idea of setting up a Palestinian government-in-exile, as Hussein urged on Sunday, and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat suggested in a newspaper interview yesterday.

"The Palestinian state is here

already and its banner will flutter over Jerusalem, whether they like it or not," Arafat told the Saudi Arabian newspaper Al Sharq Al Awsat. "It is only a question of time."

But Sheikh Abdul Hamid Al Sayeh, Speaker of the Palestine National Council, said there was no point to such a move.

"We Palestinians — our country is under Israeli occupation and we have our PLO institutions," he said. "Why should we form such a government when no political solution is in sight?"

Direction

Hussein's announcement on July 31 that he was severing ties with the West Bank, which Jordan controlled from 1948 until its seizure by Israel in the 1967 Middle East war, created a sudden vacuum that opened new doubts about the future of the territory and the Arab-Israeli peace process.

Hussein cut off the salaries of 21,000 West Bank employees, abolished the cabinet post for the occupied territories, cancelled a

\$1.3 billion development project and dissolved the lower house of Parliament, half of whose 60 seats were reserved for West Bank residents.

The king said on Sunday he would recognise immediately a Palestinian government-in-exile for the more than 800,000 Palestinians in the West Bank, but it was not clear how others would respond.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak told reporters in Cairo, "It is imperative that the PLO and Jordan coordinate (policies), under any circumstances, in the direction of peace."

But he did not say what form such co-ordination should take. Saleh said much of the administrative work in the West Bank could be handled by committees set up in the West Bank and Gaza Strip that replaced Israeli agencies during the 8-month-old Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

"The difficulty is co-ordinating between the exiled leadership (the PLO) and the intifada (up-

rising) leadership," he said.

Others expressed concern the PLO would have difficulty getting money to the workers, one of its major challenges.

"The PLO doesn't have any problem of financing, but will the Israelis allow the financing?" asked one PLO official.

He said the PLO would try funneling the money "through the United Nations or American and European charitable organisations, but the Israelis may blockade all those possibilities."

Confiscated

Israel has barred money from entering the West Bank that could be used to help finance the uprising, including cash the government has confiscated from Palestinians arriving at Ben-Gurion airport.

In the interview, Arafat disclosed that the Arab leaders promised \$128 million to be paid "instantly" to the PLO for immediate needs of the intifada, as uprising is called in Arabic, while \$43 million would be paid monthly.

Implementation of Angola peace accord

S. African pullout under way

RUACANA, Namibia, Aug. 10. (Reuters): The operation to extricate South African troops from Angola is under way.

Army trucks, troop carriers and tank transports plied back and forth between Ruacana, on the Angolan border, and the main South African garrison at nearby Oshana.

Convoys also moved back and forth to the railroad at Grootfontein, about 500 km to the southeast. But reporters saw no sign of troops crossing the border from Angola at this Army outpost.

An official in Pretoria told reporters: "The (withdrawal) process has started. The planning is being done right now."

He declined to disclose details of the pullout, hammered out when South Africa, Cuba and

Angola met in Geneva last week for talks on independence for Namibia and peace in Angola.

"Our troops will be out of Angola by Sept. 1," one official said.

South Africa has an estimated 2,000 soldiers inside Angola where they have supported pro-Western UNITA rebels fighting to overthrow Angola's Cuba-backed Marxist government.

Meanwhile, the African National Congress (ANC) said today it did not trust South Africa to abide by its peace agreement with Cuba and Angola.

"We suspect that it will use this as a ploy to gain time, to secure a cessation of hostilities in order to extricate the regime from the military crisis it finds itself in and

regroup," said Johnny Makathini, the ANC's secretary for international relations.

"The next step will be for the regime to come up with issues that will be intended to torpedo the agreement, such as the involvement of UNITA and the evacuation of the ANC's so-called bases in Angola," he said.

"I do not know how many there are, but we do have bases. It is the only country where we do have bases," he added.

The ANC is the main guerrilla group fighting for majority rule in South Africa.

Cuba, Angola and South Africa also agreed to ask the United Nations to implement its independence plan for Namibia, the mineral-rich territory ruled by South Africa in defiance of the United Nations.

Teen-age years are troubled times

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10. (AP):

The teen-age years in the United States are troubled times when many young people drink too much, eat badly, are prone to injury and violence and often consider suicide, according to a survey released on Tuesday.

The data confirmed what many parents and counsellors have long known or suspected — the adolescent years can be dangerous.

Dr. Robert Windom, assistant health secretary and head of the US Public Health Service, called the results "somewhat dismaying."

"The results give us fresh insight concerning what our nation's teenagers know and how they act concerning health and sex-related issues — but they also show that too many young people, even when they know better, don't always make the right health decisions," Windom said in a statement.

The survey, sponsored by health education groups and the US Department of Health and Human Services, polled 11,000 students in 1987 from a nationally representative sample of 217 public and private schools.

The two groups of students were in their eighth and 10th years in school, and ranged in age from 13 to 14 in eighth grade to 15 to 16 in 10th grade. The margin of error was plus or minus 2 to 5 percentage points, depending on the frequency of the behaviour reported, officials said.

The study reported that 26 per cent of the eighth-graders and 38 per cent of the 10th-graders said they had had five or more drinks on one occasion during the two weeks preceding the survey.

Also, 42 per cent of all the girls and 25 per cent of all the boys surveyed said they have "seriously thought" about committing suicide at some time in their lives.



Bush gives a thumbs-up sign, while being surrounded by children dressed in traditional Polish costume, after taking part in the opening of a Polish-American cultural centre in Philadelphia. (Reuters wirephoto)

Republicans attack Dukakis

Bush narrows gap in polls

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 10. (Reuters): As George Bush

narrows rival Michael Dukakis' lead in the polls, Republicans are hammering away at the Democratic presidential nominee with charges that he is weak on defence and foreign policy.

Republican leaders who are drafting the party platform of principles for their nominee, Vice-President Bush, say they want to draw sharp distinctions between Bush and Dukakis.

A public opinion poll released late on Tuesday gave them some encouragement by indicating that the 64-year-old Bush had narrowed Dukakis' lead from 17 per cent to seven per cent in the two weeks since the Democratic convention in Atlanta.

The nationwide poll gave Dukakis a 49 to 42 per cent lead

over Bush, down from 55 to 38 per cent a fortnight earlier. Dukakis received a "bump" upwards in the polls after he was formally named his party's nominee on July 20, and Bush hopes for a similar boost to his struggling campaign for the November 8 election after he is nominated next Wednesday.

The hefty party position paper they are drafting is peppered with attacks against Dukakis, charges driven home here at news conferences given by party leaders.

Bush strategists say they want the public to be aware that he has had years of national experience, including serving in Congress in the 1960s, as envoy to the People's Republic of China and as director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

"The (White House) Oval office is no place for on-the-job

training," a platform draft states. "The Republican Party, tempered by real-world experience, accustomed to making tough choices, is prepared to lead America forward into the 1990s."

The draft was a primer for conservatives, and there were no bitter fights or major changes being made. Three attempts by a Delaware woman to moderate the anti-abortion language failed.

It pledged Bush would not raise taxes, "while" favouring domestic spending cuts to solve the deficit problem, a constitutional amendment against abortions, a tough anti-drug attack, and low interest rates through a "steady" fiscal and monetary policy — including an international measure for currencies based on "a basket of commodities, including gold."

AIDS on the rise in India

NEW DELHI, Aug. 10. (Reuters): Fifteen Indians and seven foreigners in India were found to have full-blown AIDS in the first six months of 1988, the Health Ministry told parliament today.

This compares with 15 cases in all of 1987 and six up to the end of 1986, the ministry said in a written reply.

All the Indians and two of the foreigners affected this year had died in India, while the other foreigners had been repatriated, it added.

The statement said 389 people had tested positive for the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome virus in the first half of 1988 as opposed to 191 in 1987 and only 71 previously.

US space shuttle roars to life again

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla., Aug. 10. (Reuters): The space shuttle Discovery's main engines were successfully test fired today, overcoming a string of frustrating delays and mishaps that had plagued the crucial launch rehearsal.

The firing — the second try in less than a week by the NASA space agency — began smoothly as Discovery's three engines roared to life, belching smoke and flame across the launch pad for the first time in two-and-a-half years.

Discovery remained bolted to earth throughout the 20-second exercise, which is considered a vital step by the space agency NASA in verifying whether the shuttle is ready for a return to space.

Jubilant NASA officials declared the test a complete success. "Super job, super team," NASA administrator James Fletcher told cheering test controllers. "I can't begin to say how well everything's going."

The buoyant mood contrasted sharply with the sombre atmosphere that prevailed last Thursday, when the first test attempt

was aborted only a split second before engine ignition.

The shuttle fleet has been grounded since Jan. 28, 1986, when the shuttle Challenger exploded after liftoff, killing all seven astronauts on board.

NASA engineers concluded that a faulty valve sensor was to blame for last week's abort and replaced the entire valve system.

During the countdown, technicians meticulously checked and rechecked complex engine systems, anxious to avoid another frustrating mishap.

The test had been delayed five times and finally took place nearly three weeks after its original target date.

No astronauts were on board for the computer-operated exercise, and NASA officials said they would now analyse computer data to evaluate the performance of all shuttle systems.

Sources at NASA, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, said test delays, coupled with other unresolved technical troubles, are expected to force postponement of Discovery's launch until early October.

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Expelled Nazi guard on way to Munich

FRANKFURT, Aug. 10. (AP):

West Germany today confirmed that a former Nazi SS concentration camp guard was being expelled from Italy and heading to Munich, while a prosecutor said no criminal charges were pending against him.

Czechoslovakia, which sentenced Maloth to death for war crimes in 1948, had asked Italy for his extradition. Maloth, 76, was a member of the Nazi SS and a guard at the Theresienstadt concentration camp in wartime Czechoslovakia.

In the West German capital of Bonn, Foreign Ministry spokesman Peter Rothen told the AP: "I can confirm that he is being expelled from Italy to West Germany today."

Rothen said he understood that the arrival point was to be Munich, while Italian officials said, but Rothen added he did not know whether Maloth would be free or be taken into custody once he reaches West Germany.

Prosecutor Klaus Schacht said that investigators intend to ques-

tion Maloth.

Schacht, who is in charge of the Maloth case, said: "When Maloth comes to Munich, I will have the border police ask him where he intends to settle in West Germany, and then he will question him."

"So far, there are no criminal charges against him," the Dortmund-based prosecutor said in a telephone interview. He had made a similar statement on Monday, after Maloth's arrest became known.

Maloth was arrested at his wife's home in Merano in northern Italy last week. Vienna-based Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal said Maloth had been hiding with his family in Italy for 15 years.

Czechoslovakia submitted an extradition request yesterday but an Italian police official, who requested anonymity, said Italy and Czechoslovakia have no extradition treaty. He also noted that Italian law bars extraditing someone facing the death penalty. There is no capital punishment in Italy.

UN teams arrive to prepare for truce

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to a truce.

Shipping insurers, Lloyds of London and the Institute of London Underwriters, said news of the scheduled ceasefire led them to cut their rates for insuring cargoes in the Gulf by up to 33 per cent.

In Tehran, the cabinet of Prime Minister Mir Hossein Musavi met to discuss the latest developments and heard a report by Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati of his 10-day discussions on a ceasefire at the UN headquarters in New York.

Tehran Radio said the cabinet also discussed the problems of rebuilding Iran's war-torn areas. Reconstruction plans are to be drawn up and discussed "in the near future," the radio said.

Damages

Iran has previously published figures of war damages running into scores of billions of dollars, and analysts said Tehran hoped to get part of this from Baghdad if Iraq is found, after an impartial inquiry, to have started the war.

United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan, has proposed several times since November that some of the oil-rich Arab states in the region should assist both Iran and Iraq to rebuild their shattered economies.

Meanwhile, the office of President Saddam Hussein ordered Iraqis today to stop firing live rounds into the air to celebrate the ceasefire in the war with Iran.

It issued a statement saying the practice could cause loss of life and warning of heavy punishment for anyone who ignored the ban.

40 missing as boat sinks in Nile

EDFU, Egypt, Aug. 10. (Reuters): A tour boat sank on the Nile River today and 40 people were reported missing. 15 of them are Egyptians, Egyptian security sources said.

They said the others missing from the "Nubia" tour boat were Egyptians. The boat sank during a storm two km (one mile) from the upper Egyptian town of Edfu, the sources said.

"The boat's captain," 41-year-old Mohammed Ahmed Ibrahim, told reporters at Edfu hospital: the boat capsized in mid-stream when caught in freak currents caused by the storm.

Interior Minister Zaki Badr has ordered divers to the scene, about 750 (465 miles) south of Cairo, to try to find the missing, they said.

Men should be kinder, not so virile

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men did not feel called on by the social model to achieve with their female partners an exceptionally high level of sexual performance.

The report will be discussed at a four-week session of the 26-member UN sub-commission on prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities that opened here on Monday.

It suggested that all sexual practices be tolerated between consenting adults if they were done privately and did not offend public decency. Violence or discrimination because of sexual orientation should be illegal.

It also suggested countries set up advisory commissions to encourage news media to show respect for women and children, and to draft guidelines to protect children against pornography.

Telephone tapping ...

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the lines of a state cabinet member and Janata Party lawmakers, including Hegde loyalists and dissidents who have been trying to oust him.

Tappings were also ordered on the telephones of several leaders of the state Congress (I) Party wing, which lost power to Hegde in 1983, and those of two journalists.

Intercepts
Hegde told the news conference he had no prior knowledge of the taps and had not seen transcripts of monitored conversations. He contended the intercepts were ordered "in a routine manner" by police intelligence officials.

He said that after learning of the taps, he ordered police "to stop it completely."

Hegde said he would return tomorrow to the Karnataka capital of Bangalore from New Delhi to submit his resignation to Governor P. Venkatasubbiah. New Delhi's chief representative to the state. He said Janata Party legislators would select his successor on Friday.

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Nile village hosts wedding festival

JESH BIESH, Egypt, Aug 10. (Reuters): The small Nile delta village of Besh Biesh, promoting itself as the home of happy and fertile marriages, is hosting Arab and foreign couples this week in an exotic three-day wedding festival.

The couples perched atop lavishly adorned camels and prancing horses, rode through the village on Monday night at the start of the three-day celebration sponsored by a local tour operator. As husbands of people arrived to take part in the festivities, hundreds of villagers emerged from their red-brick houses, ululating and waving handkerchiefs.

A brass band clashing cymbals and blowing trumpets met the brides and grooms, many of whom were renewing their vows, at the entrance to the village.

"It's very magical... very spontaneous," said Pierre Dupont, a Frenchman, 40, who flew from Paris with his wife Marie to celebrate their third wedding anniversary in the village.

Susan Johnson from Alabama in the United States said she and her husband Jim were renewing their vows after 15 years of marriage.

"Our wedding anniversary is on Aug 22. We thought it would be a good opportunity to celebrate it here and experience Egyptian culture," said Jim, clad in a flowing beige robe.

Security

Riot police were on hand to keep thousands of curious residents of Besh Biesh, about 150 km northwest of Cairo, away from the festival tent.

Only ticket holders paying between \$30 and \$400 to a local tourist company were allowed to enter the massive tent.

Sitting on red velvet gilt chairs, the couples were entertained by some 17 troupes of dancers and singers.

Bedouin women in colourful hand-embroidered wedding gowns and tassled head-dresses sat in a semi-circle on the ground near the 12 brides and grooms.



American bride Susan, on top of a camel, fixes her veil during the Egyptian wedding procession in the Nile Delta village of Besh Biesh. (Reuters wirephoto)

Najib troops talk tall but display little efficiency

KABUL, Aug 10, (UPI): Government troops say they could withstand any challenge from Muslim rebels after a Soviet withdrawal, but managed only a feeble display of martial prowess to buttress their claims during a tour of a Kabul barracks.

Afghan officers escorting a group of reporters through the barracks of a battalion in Kabul on Tuesday were emphatic they had the capability and public support to resist and even defeat the guerrillas.

"The opposition cannot make any victories," said Soviet-trained Lt. Col. Mohammad Rafique Janbaz. "Soviet troops have withdrawn from 25 provinces."

But the reporters saw a drill display by 15 soldiers that was

rife with almost comical hunching and in marked contrast to the stoic discipline of Soviet troops shown to reporters during the past four days.

The troops, dressed in motley uniforms and ranging from confused-looking teenagers to stooped elderly men, bumped into each other, became entangled in the straps of their AK-47 submachine guns and exhibited little precision or discipline.

"All they can do is eat, sleep and pray," chuckled one Soviet official.

Moscow's forces are scheduled under the April 14 Geneva accord to end their eight-year occupation of Afghanistan by Feb 15, leaving President Najibullah's Army to deal with the rebels.

Meanwhile, Pravda confirmed today that several Soviet soldiers were killed and others wounded by Afghan rebel attacks during their withdrawal from Kandahar.

In a front page report from two Soviet journalists who witnessed the pullout from the southern Afghanistan city, Pravda said three soldiers from one unit were killed and six injured in the two days prior to departure.

Three more were wounded during the last weekend's pullout as rebels attacked and set on fire their armoured cars, the Communist Party newspaper report said.

It did not say if other units suffered losses.

Ethnic unrest feared in western China

BEIJING, Aug 10, (Reuters): Authorities in Xinjiang, west China, have issued a tough warning against separatist riots in the latest sign of ethnic unrest in the Muslim-dominated region.

"Those who cause riots will be condemned for generations, cast out by the people of all ethnic groups... and punished according to the law," said a Communist Party document quoted by the Xinjiang daily.

The document warned of "separatist infiltration" from abroad and said groups inside Xinjiang were "out to split the motherland and destroy ethnic unity."

It called for a campaign against separatism but also criticised Xinjiang's six million Chinese settlers for prejudice against the eight million Central Asian Muslims, the daily reported.

In June, several hundred Xin-

jiang University students of the Muslim Uygur ethnic group marched through Urumqi, the region's capital, in a peaceful demonstration against plans to make them share dormitories with Han Chinese.

No other recent unrest has been reported but much of the remote region bordering Soviet Central Asia is closed to foreigners. The state-controlled media rarely gives details of ethnic conflict.

Western sources in Urumqi said new birth control rules imposed last month limiting Muslims to two or three children per couple had caused resentment among many Central Asians who were previously exempt from China's tough population policies.

The authorities have called on Muslim clergy not to oppose the birth rules, claiming that they accord with the Holy Quran.

Burmese embassies around the world stop issuing visas

Mayhem of killing in Rangoon

BANGKOK, Aug 10, (Agencies): Rangoon erupted in a mayhem of killing and rioting today as security forces fought demonstrators on the third day of mass protests against the government, official and diplomatic sources said.

Rangoon Radio said troops opened fire 15 times on crowds who rallied across the city. It said at one point they shot nurses at the general hospital and said three security force members were beheaded by demonstrators.

Rangoon-based diplomats said they received numerous reports of violence today, with some protesters throwing firebombs at vehicles and stores and Army troops shooting at them.

Violent

Japan's Kyodo news agency reported more than 100 people killed and nearly 1,000 wounded in Rangoon today, the third straight day of violent protests

against the authoritarian government of new President Sein Lwin.

The news service quoted what it called an informed source reached in Rangoon as saying soldiers used automatic rifles and machine guns to disperse the demonstrators.

The Kyodo report could not be confirmed by other sources.

The official media has reported 44 people killed and more than 100 wounded during riots this week in Rangoon, Mandalay, Mergui and Sagaing. Demonstrations have erupted in more than 20 other cities and towns, according to state-owned Radio Rangoon. Dissidents said at least 300 people have been killed by troops since Monday.

Diplomats contacted in Rangoon and Bangkok said they think the death toll from rioting yesterday may exceed 100. They said, however, that access to reliable information has been difficult because of chaos in the

capital. The official Rangoon Radio said 33 people were killed in street battles today including three policemen caught and beheaded by rioters.

The radio said three police stations were captured and burned by protesters and some weapons were looted.

Some travellers who arrived in Bangkok from Rangoon today said they had been interrogated and jailed.

"They're flushing everyone from the country," a British tourist said.

Visas

Burmese embassies around the world have stopped issuing tourist visas, and the country has expelled some visitors before the expiry of their seven-day visas.

Alain Ervard, a Hong Kong-based photographer for the Sipa photo agency, said he and nine Spanish tourists were detained overnight and released this morning from the immigration office in Rangoon. They were

interrogated, their passports temporarily seized and their film confiscated, he said.

Ervard said he was chased by soldiers after taking photographs of tanks and machinegun mounted cars forming a barrier to stop large crowds of protesters from converging.

"The military got ready to shoot (me), and they told me to stop," he said.

The Spanish tourists said they were stopped on the road into Rangoon by armed soldiers yesterday and taken to Rangoon.

Cancelled

A group of four tourists from Florence, Italy, left Burma after spending only one day in the country. They were told that all flights and trains out of Rangoon had been cancelled and that they could not travel by road to the ancient temples of Pagan in central Burma because of demonstrations there.

Vietnamese 'ate flesh of companions'

MANILA, Aug 10, (AP): United Nations and Filipino officials said they were investigating allegations that a group of Vietnamese refugees killed at least three of their companions and ate their flesh while drifting at sea for more than a month.

The officials said the refugees allegedly also ate the flesh of two teenagers who died of starvation during the 39-day ordeal, which ended June 28, when Filipino fishermen rescued 52 survivors.

The refugees told officials that 58 other refugees had died of starvation or by jumping overboard in fits of hysteria before the alleged cannibalism began 28 days after they left the Vietnamese town of Ben Tre.

Robert Cooper, acting chief of the Manila office of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, said the allegations first surfaced four weeks ago.

Cooper and Filipino officials confirmed the Phung Quang Minh, the group's leader and alleged instigator of the cannibalistic murders, had been taken into "protective custody."

Singapore celebrates Independence Day

SINGAPORE, Aug 10, (UPI): A crowd of about 80,000 people jammed the national stadium on Tuesday to take part in the island republic's 23rd independence celebrations — heralding the handing over of the government from the old guard to younger leaders.

Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, dressed in his traditional white ruling People's Action Party (PAP) uniform, arrived at the massive "show-of-strength" parade.

Lee, whose ruling PAP has dominated Singapore politics for 29 years, has repeatedly stated that he would step down as Prime Minister in September when he reaches the age of 65.

In a televised message Monday on the eve of National Day, Lee told the nation's 2.6 million people "I have discharged my responsibilities to provide for continuity."

Lee's departure will come just months before general elections. Opposition groups already have stepped up their pressure on government, agitating for

improved human rights and the abolition of the Internal Security Act, which provides for indefinite incarceration of political opponents without trial.

Opposition

On Monday, Dr Toh Chin Chye, 68, a founding member of PAP and a former deputy prime minister also warned against a stifled opposition.

"Dissenting voices have a role to play in nation building and those in power should give them an outlet," Toh said at a pre-national day gathering.

"If dissenters form more than one-third of the electorate, they cannot be bottled up all the time by harassment, fair or foul," he said.

Lee urged the island-nation's 2.6 million residents to unite behind the government and warned of political storms ahead if the next generation of leaders do not react quickly.

In the 1984 general elections, PAP received 63 per cent of the votes cast, a more than 12 per cent drop compared to the previous election in 1980.

Britain sends aid to Sudan

LONDON, Aug 10, (Reuters): Britain is sending three more planes loads of emergency supplies to flood-hit Sudan and asked British engineers working on a development aid project there to help restore electricity in the capital Khartoum.

Junior Foreign Office minister Lynda Chalker told British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) radio today the first plane, carrying drugs, tents and other emergency supplies, would leave on Friday.

An estimated 1.5 million people are homeless after torrential rains last Thursday and Friday raised the level of the Nile river and caused extensive flooding.

Sudanese officials declared Khartoum and three towns to the north and east disaster areas after the downpour, which cut electricity and telephone lines.

Meanwhile, the leader of Al-Azhar, the Muslim world's most venerated institution, has appealed to wealthy Arab states for emergency help to victims of Sudan's worst floods in 42 years.

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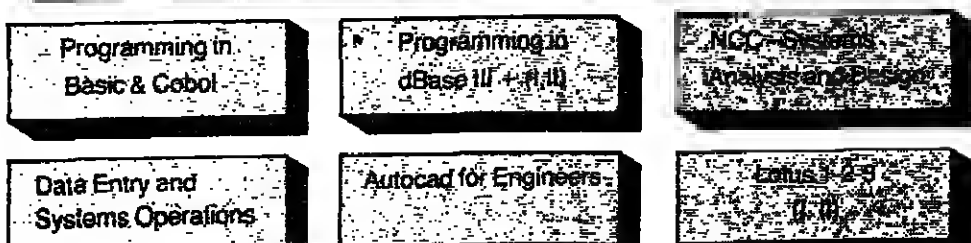
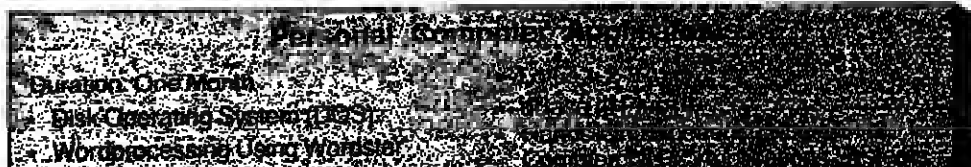
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Sri Lanka may not host SAARC summit

KATHMANDU, Aug 10, (Reuters): Sri Lanka is unlikely to host the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) summit meeting planned for Colombo later this year, Foreign Minister Abdul Hameed said today.

Hameed, arriving here for a ministerial meeting of the regional group, said the venue was likely to change but gave no hint where it might be held.

Pakistan Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yakub Khan, also arriving for the meeting, said his country still opposed Afghanistan's membership of SAARC.

Kabul has applied to join SAARC with Indian backing but has been refused because of the Soviet troops in Afghanistan.

The issue is on the agenda for the foreign ministers' meeting starting tomorrow.

But Khan told reporters: "Obviously we are going to oppose it and you will hear our views expressed in the course of the conference."

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Sheikh Sabah in Muscat

MOSCOW, Aug 10, (KUNA): Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed accompanied by Iraq's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saadoun Hammadi arrived here today.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Yuli Vorontsov and head of the Middle East and North Africa department at the Foreign Ministry Vladimir Polyakov received them.

Before leaving Kuwait, Sheikh Sabah said his mission was part of efforts by the Arab League seven-man committee, which has been contacting the five permanent members of the Security Council, for a peaceful settlement of the Gulf war.

He said after the Gulf war ceasefire announcement, the role of the committee was now to ensure a durable peace between Iraq and Iran.

Gulf on the way to real peace

PEOPLE in Kuwait warmly welcomed the UN secretary-general's declaration of Aug 20 as the date for the ceasefire in the Gulf war.

Minister of Information, Sheikh Jaber Muharak Al Hamad Al Sabah, said that the declaration has put the whole Gulf region on the way to real peace.

Optimistic

He said he is totally optimistic about the chances of peace, tranquillity and stability in the region. Sheikh Jaber said the wave of happiness that spread all over the region truly reflects the desire for peace among the people of this region.

He stressed that the misery, bloodshed, destruction and death caused by the war leave no doubt that peace, stability and understanding is the only basis for co-existence in the whole world and in the region.

Sheikh Jaber said he hopes



Sheikh Jaber.

that all the present positive moves and measures will pave the way for a durable peace in the region and restore prosperity and a happy life.

Strengthen

Minister of State for Housing Affairs Nasser Al Roudhan expressed hope that Iran's decision to accept peace will

strengthen the peace opportunities in the region. Iraq and the GCC member states have been calling for peace for a long time, he said.

He said that the war has threatened the security, social and economic aspects of this region. He added that the war was not useful to anyone, except enemies of Arab and Islamic countries.

He said, he hopes after establishment of peace, the region will restore its prosperity and progress.

Minister of State for Service Affairs Issa Al Mazidi said that the word happiness is not enough to reflect his feelings after the ceasefire declaration.

Abnormal

Al Mazidi called for negotiations to be comprehensive and to be held as soon as possible.

The minister said that it is abnormal to see such situations continuing in our region.

He said that Iraq has been demanding a just peace with its neighbour Iran and added that by its recent decision, Iran also has realised the importance of peace. It is difficult for any country to work towards development and progress without stability, he added.

Assistant Undersecretary of the Ministry of Communications Saquer Al Sudan also welcomed the ceasefire decision. He stressed that Iraq's steadfastness and its latest victories convinced Iran that there was no use to continue the war.

Goodwill

He said that Kuwait's well-balanced role, its goodwill efforts towards peace and its success in convincing the world community greatly helped achieve the ceasefire decision.

Direct talks, good intentions and flexibility will certainly remove the obstacles and solve problems quickly, he said.



HH the Crown Prince in talks with Al Taihi (left).

Premier gets message from Reagan

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah yesterday received a message from US President Ronald Reagan who expressed his pleasure about Sheikh Saad's recent visit to Washington.

Reagan also voiced satisfaction with the successful talks and fruitful exchange of views he had with the Crown Prince on matters of vital interest to the US and Kuwait.

The message was delivered by the US ambassador to Kuwait during a meeting with HH yesterday.

Restriction on part-time work

THE Ministry of Education has restricted its employees from working part-time in certain jobs or professions in private companies.

Employees working at the ministry's headquarters and educational areas are prohibited from working as salesmen at commercial shops and co-operative societies.

They are also prohibited from working in any non-government establishment that has dealings with the Ministry of Education and from working for their direct supervisor at the ministry.

Teachers and sociologists working in schools are also forbidden to work part-time in private schools and institutes, and restaurants and hotels if the nature of their work requires direct dealing with customers.

They also are forbidden to work with private musical bands and in video shops or photography studios. Further, they are not permitted to work as drivers, car mechanics or electricians or to work for sponsors of pupils whom they teach in schools.

Date prices still high

By Nashal Al Agha

A LOCAL newspaper reporter toured the vegetable and fruit market in Shuwaik to obtain the latest information on the annual date season.

Shoppers claim that date prices are still high. A box of Iraqi dates of the "Sumoran" variety was as high as KD2.

Special taste

Rashid Shwaish, a date salesman at the market, says Iraqi dates have already appeared at the market, but, the types preferred by customers have yet to arrive. However, the "Sumoran" type, which is characterised by its long fruit and special taste, are available.

Mohamad Khalaf, another

date dealer adds that Saudi dates, known as "Hattm", are small, but have a better taste and aroma. "Al Mashayhi" dates are bigger and are the favourite of most shoppers. Several Mashayhi dates provide enough nutritional value for a meal, he said.

Khirallah Sabah says that he is well known at the market as the owner of Kuwaiti dates. Kuwaiti dates cover a variety of types, such as "Birhi", "Sumoran", "Al Ashqar" and the sweet "Munsef". Customers and salesmen are still waiting for the Kuwaiti dates, he added.

Attract

Amin Sabah said that most customers prefer Kuwaiti dates, and salesmen often keep a stock of these available to attract shoppers. Another salesman said that

big amounts of dates might bring prices down, especially when the Kuwaiti dates arrive.

Nasser Al Rashidi, one of the customers, was surprised not to find any Kuwaiti dates yet. However, he purchased some Birhi dates and said prices are still high. He said that he expects to find a better deal next week.

Palm trees in Kuwait are only available in particular areas.

Lion's share

Wafra, Jahra, Abdali and the properties of the Public Authority for Agricultural and Fisheries Affairs have the lion's share of Kuwaiti dates.

According to statistics, Kuwait has hundreds of hectares planted with palm trees. They are said to make Kuwait nearly self-sufficient in dates.

Kuwait planetarium

By Mahmoud Mursi

KUWAIT'S planetarium at Kuwait National Museum can satisfy your urge to look at a clear night sky.

The secretary of Kuwait's planetarium, Muhammad Badr Al Qatani said that the planetarium building consists of two sections. The first is the astronomical observatory at the entrance of the ground level. The observatory includes some machines, books, and old and modern astronomical maps.

Registered

The inner wall is filled with pictures of old astronomical towers the pictures were registered and sorted by the popular Muslim astronomer Abdul Rahman Al Soufi who lived during the fourth Hijri century.

The upper level, located immediately on top of the observatory, consists of a 126-seat planetarium organised in a semicircular style. The planetarium has a diameter of 15 metres and is considered a middle-sized observatory. The upper level also comprises the main device called the "Sky Master", capable of

showing nearly 9,000 stars and the Milky Way.

The dome has other extra viewing devices to show pictures of sky towers in exactly the manner they were conceived by our forefathers. Shooting stars can also be seen, along with Mars, which is seen in close-up with its four biggest moons.

Al Qatani said it cost KD1 million and took one and a half years to build the planetarium.

All planetarium devices and machines are operated by mechanical devices controlled by computers which can adjust and move celestial bodies.

For the safety and comfort of visitors, the planetarium is equipped with air-conditioning units located underneath garden grounds. This soundproofs the planetarium from distractions, Al Qatani said.

Programmes

The planetarium is the first of its kind in the Gulf area. It has received a number of new programmes from Germany. The programmes have been translated, recorded and prepared for children between the age of 6 and 12 years.

The director, Jihad Al Ajar is responsible for special effects combined with audio-visual effects conducted in a dramatic fashion.

The planetarium is open during Eid and other national occasions.

Al Qatani praised the co-operation between the planetarium's work team and the astronomy and meteorology association at the scientific club.

Holiday

THE Indian embassy will remain closed today.

1,284 cases reviewed

STATISTICS issued by the computer centre of the Ministry of Justice indicate that the Higher Appeal Court reviewed 1,284 cases last June.

There were 543 commercial cases; 10 criminal, 78 labour, 78 civil, 79 rent cases and 247 personal status cases.

The Cassation Court reviewed 201 cases; 102 commercial, 12 labour, 13 civil, six personal status, and 68 criminal cases.

The prosecution received 990 cases in June including 558 criminal cases and 382 misdemeanour cases.

A total of 10,016 registrations

were completed by the Real Estate Department of the ministry, the statistics concluded.

114,199 patients treated at Mubarak Al Kabir hospital

MUBARAK AL KABIR Hospital's annual report shows the hospital treated 17,926 in-house patients and 96,273 out-patients last year.

In-house patients increased by one per cent compared to 1986. The report added that 133,415 patients visited the emergency clinics in 1987, marking an increase of 10.42 per cent compared to 1986.

Increase

It added that 4,397 surgeries were performed last year — an increase of 7.24 per cent compared to 1986.

Further, 35,596 patients visited the internal diseases department, marking an increase

of 7.1 per cent and 1,389 patients visited the chest diseases clinic, increase of 8.4 per cent. Both increases were in comparison for the year 1986.

Additional

Dr Youssef Al Nisf said that the present chest diseases clinic cannot receive an increasing number of patients and an additional clinic should be opened. Alternatively, the clinic will have to refer patients to the chest diseases hospital.

The report also showed that 38,845 children were admitted at the children's emergency clinic, and 33,430 patients were admitted to the general surgical clinics of the hospital in 1987.

Kuwaiti aid

TWO Kuwait Air Force cargo planes left yesterday for Sudan carrying the first Kuwaiti aid shipment to help Sudan withstand the current flood disaster.

The aid which was initiated by HH the Amir, contains medicine, food, tents, blankets and other relief materials.

A number of military cargo planes are scheduled during the coming two weeks to deliver similar aid shipments to Sudan.

Outstanding summer club members awarded

HH the Amir has allocated prizes for outstanding members of summer clubs of Failaka island.

Acting Undersecretary of Education Abdul Mohsen Al Saad distributed the prizes on Tuesday at a festival at Failaka Summer Club for Boys.

The festival included plays, folklore dances and musical programmes performed by members of the summer clubs in Failaka. Senior officials of the Ministry of Education attended.

Speaking on the occasion, Al Saad praised the activities of

members of the summer clubs. The club has 750 boys and girls as members.

He also inspected Failaka School and urged workers to complete maintenance works at the school before the beginning of the academic year.

Bringing back troops from the front

Iraq and Iran face an uphill battle

NICOSIA, Aug 10, (Reuters): Bringing troops home from the Gulf front after almost eight years of war may prove costly for both Iraq and Iran once peace takes hold, defence analysts said.

"Neither side provides a land fit for heroes," said Don Kerr of the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

With unemployment high and much of their economic infrastructure destroyed, both governments face an uphill battle in trying to absorb hundreds of thousands of soldiers back into civilian life.

Dreams

Kerr compared the situation with Europe in 1918 and 1945, the end of two world wars when millions of men returned home from the front with hopes for a better life.

Many had their dreams broken by political turbulence, food shortages, unemployment and new wars in Africa and Asia.

For Iraq and Iran, a period of cold war is likely to follow the Aug 20 ceasefire announced by UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

Substantial forces would still have to be kept in place, the analysts said, and in the long term these could present new dangers for other states and political movements in the area.

"Neither side can afford to take its eyes off the other, at least for some time," Kerr said.

The analysts said Iran's focus

on the economy and repair war damage.

In the longer term, renewal of oil production was the key to rebuilding and providing jobs, they said.

Iraq has an Army of more than 800,000 soldiers, matched by Iran's 700,000 regulars and 350,000 Revolutionary Guards. "Demobilisation could be very destabilising," said Andrew Slade of Jane's Defence Weekly, citing the military's key role in many Middle East states.

In Iran, the armed forces could play a key role in power struggles which have already shown signs of surfacing in the political leadership.

Iraq's armed forces have emerged from the fighting with enhanced prestige, but it was difficult to gauge the impact this would have on President Hussein's ruling Baath Party.

For some, the question was whether Iraq would turn its well-equipped, combat-tested forces on Israel.

Initiate

In the 1973 war, Baghdad contributed seven divisions to Arab forces taking the field against the Jewish state.

Eytan said Iraq was unlikely to initiate hostilities, but in the event of a new Arab-Israeli war, it would provide a force sufficient to make life unpleasant for Israelis.

Its Air Force of more than 600 combat aircraft as well as upgraded sea surface-to-surface missiles should not be underestimated, analysts said.

Clothes distributed

KUWAIT'S Zakat House, on the occasion of Eid Al Adha, distributed clothes to orphans, according to the acting director of the house Hussein Al Lagman.

Each orphan in Kuwait was given clothes valued at KD10, and 1,786 orphans benefited, he said.

The project helped orphans sponsored and maintained by the house, the local Zakat committees and local charitable societies.

Al Lagman added that the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs pays an annual amount to the Zakat House and this year KD17,860 was distributed.

Drivers jailed

LAST month, 21 drivers were sent to jail for various traffic offences.

Major violations, included driving under the influence of alcohol, causing accidental deaths, speeding, driving without a licence, jumping the red light, and reckless driving.

Additionally, the monthly statistics of the traffic rules enforcement department, showed that 80 driving licences were withdrawn for different periods. Main violations were identical to those mentioned above.

Statistics revealed that 3,500 traffic judgements involving fines were imposed during July. Jail terms of 43 drivers were reduced to fines.

Further, there was a sharp drop in the number of drivers jailed in July, compared to the previous month when 60 drivers were jailed. There also was an increase of 40 in the number of drivers who obtained reductions in jail terms.

Science club members honoured

THE Kuwait Science Club recently held its July party for members who have proved exceptionally good at various activities. Such parties are held every month to honour and encourage outstanding members chosen by section supervisors.

Prizes were distributed by Nasser Al Zankawi, director of the sports installations department at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour and the club's general secretary, Dawood Ahmad, and went to 90

members and winners of sports contests.

The club's main branch director, Amir Ahmad, thanked members for their constructive efforts and co-operation and wished them greater success in the future. He said that the club gave members who completed three courses the opportunity to take several scientific trips to GCC states, Arab states and other foreign countries.

The party also included a number of programmes and ques-

tions on section activities from July 1988.

Meanwhile, members of the Kuwait Airways Club visited the science club to observe the club's different sections and activities.

Briefed

Members were received by Amir Ahmad who briefed them on activities of the different sections and administrative procedures.

The director then escorted the delegation on a tour of the building to view work in progress.

Centre for solar energy research

AN official source at Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) has been quoted as saying that the Al Sulabiya research station will constitute the starting point for an integrated complex to be dependent mainly on solar energy.

In an interview with a local daily, the source said that the station had been designed to be a centre for solar energy research.

He added that the station is producing about 100 kilowatts of electricity and about 350 thermal kilowatts for the desalination of water and for agricultural purposes.

Accumulation

He went on to say that the station has set up a multi-purpose programme which includes the testing of the solar complex's efficiency for remote areas, the importation of specialised equipment and the use of solar pools for the accumulation of the thermal energy required for water desalination.

Utilisation

The programme also includes the design and construction of agricultural nurseries suitable for Kuwait's climatic conditions and the training of technical staff in the field of alternative energy.

He added that the station has 56 dishes for accumulating solar energy.

He also noted that there are three types of solar pools: one for the cooling of water produced by the desalination station; one for the production of heavily salted water and one for the utilisation of the salt water produced by the desalination station in the solar energy accumulation process.

Furthermore, he said that the complex contains an agricultural nursery with a total surface area of 800 square metres. The nursery is irrigated by brackish water.

Arab camp for the blind

THE 8th Arab Camp for the Blind will be inaugurated next Saturday under the auspices of the Qatari Crown Prince Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani.

The camp, to be organised by the Qatari Red Crescent Society in co-operation with the Middle East Regional Bureau for the Blind, will be attended by 17 Arab countries and will include 200 participants.

An exhibition of products for the blind, in addition to several seminars and lectures, sporting activities, cultural competitions, music, tours and sea voyages have been planned.

Gulf convoy ends without incident

WASHINGTON, Aug 10, (Reuters): US forces in the Gulf have successfully escorted the refuelled tanker Chesapeake City to waters off Kuwait, the Pentagon said yesterday.

A statement said the journey, which began on Sunday in the Gulf of Oman, was uneventful with no unusual air or sea activity reported. The escort vessel was the US guided missile frigate Nicholas.

Since the convoys began in July 1987, US forces have escorted about 157 vessels in 76 convoys. Kuwait has re-registered tankers under the US flag to get US protection from attacks in the Iran-Iraq war.

Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci said on Friday such escorts may no longer be necessary if an Iran-Iraq ceasefire due to begin on August 20 takes hold.

"... Presumably if there's a ceasefire and it takes hold, the escorting will no longer be necessary. But we have not reached that point," Carlucci said in a television interview.

Overload

A POWER failure which affected a large part of the Murgah area Tuesday night has been attributed to an overload on the capacity of the transformers.

Technicians from the Ministry of Electricity and Water were able to restore power at about 9.30 pm.

ROYAL COURT

Amiri audience

HH the Amir yesterday received a message from Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi dealing with bilateral relations and issues of mutual concern.

The message was delivered to the Amir by Libya's Foreign Minister Jadhalla Azouz Al Tothi. HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashid Al Rashid also received Al Tothi and his accompanying delegation yesterday.

Amiri cables

HH the Amir yesterday sent a cable of congratulations to King Hussein of Jordan on the anniversary of the monarch's coronation. HH the Amir yesterday also sent a cable of congratulations to the Ecuadorian president on his country's National Day.

Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah yesterday received the Minister of State for Housing Affairs Nasser Al Roudhan, Minister of State for Service Affairs Issa Al Mazidi and the Minister of Information and Acting Minister of Education Sheikh Jaber Muharak Al Hamad.

The Premier also received Kuwait's representative to the United Nations, Mohammed Abbas Abul Hassan and a number of citizens.

Crown Prince cable

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah yesterday sent a cable of congratulations to King Hussein of Jordan on the anniversary of his coronation.

Iraq sends letters to Arab leaders

BEIRUT, Aug 10, (Agencies): Saadoun Chaker, personal envoy of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, delivered a letter to Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi outlining Iraq's stand on the Gulf war ceasefire, JANA, the official Libyan news agency, reported on Wednesday.

The agency, monitored in Beirut, said the personal envoy arrived in Libya last night carrying a letter to Colonel Khaddafi which clarified Iraq's position in putting an end to the Gulf war and establishing peace in the region.

"My visit comes upon Iraq's insistence to notify its Arab

brethren about all matters pertaining to our country, in particular and to the Iraq-Iran war in general," he said.

Meanwhile, Iraq's First Deputy Premier Taha Yassin Ramadan delivered a message from Hussein to Tunisian President Zine El Abidine Bin Ali during a one-day visit to Tunisia.

Ramadan said that the message expressed the Iraqi leadership's regards and appreciation for the distinctive relations with Tunisia and its supportive stand of Iraq in defending its sovereignty.

Ramadan left Tunis on Wednesday for Morocco.

ICAO team continues probe in Abu Dhabi

ABU DHABI, Aug 10, (AP): The international team investigating the downing of the Iranian jetliner by a US missile sited through recordings at Abu Dhabi airport today.

The five-member team from the International Civil Aviation Organisation flew in yesterday from Dubai, 100 miles (160 kms) north of Abu Dhabi.

The Iran air jet was flying from Bandar Abbas, Iran to Dubai in the UAE on July 3 when it was shot down by a US Navy missile.

The delegation from the Montreal-based organisation arrived in Iran just as US military experts, led by Rear Adm William M. Fogarty, completed a three-week investigation with the USS Vincennes and other US warships in the area.

Press reports said the team will report officially in mid-August the firing was caused by human error.

United Arab Emirates aviation officials said the ICAO probe committee is concentrating its investigation at the Abu Dhabi international airport.

WHAT'S ON

RTS

req Rajab Museum
The museum in Jabriya uses a collection of Islamic art, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer openings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm. Sat thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

Islamic Arts Museum
The museum, located on Rah Gulf Street, is open from 30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

Islamic Science Museum
The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.

SOCIAL

nam Festival
The Viswabharathi Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC resident M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala mural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varshese — 4314511; Thomas Veremully — 4810490 ext. 07; Verghese Paradayil — 422973.

Summer Belle 88
The United Goans Centre will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11 at the SAS Hotel's The Tent. The gala event marks the 10th anniversary of UGC. Entertainment includes music by Stepping Stones and City Limits. For further details contact Tony Gonsalves — 612024 or Joe Fernandes 655140.

Malayalam debate
A series of debates on Malayalam cinema are being held this month. The topics are: A discussion on the important features of Malayalam cinema Aug 12; the different stages of cinema production and its influence on entertainment Aug 19.

The discussions will be carried out mainly in Malayalam. For information on time and venue, please contact Carun, 4814477.

Reception for students

To honour the students of the Bangladesh School who appeared for the Secondary School Certificate exam this year, the Nirjhar cultural group will hold a reception at the Al Andalus Hall at Holiday Inn Hotel, at 7 pm on Aug 14. For cards, please contact 4731854, 4711081, 4311218.

Bangladesh reception
A reception in honour of M.A. Berek, a former Ambassador of Bangladesh to Kuwait will be held on Aug 13 at 7.00 pm at the Holiday Inn Hotel. For details, contact 4738625.

D'Assisi Association
The association will hold a social evening-cum-variety show on August 11 at Messiah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena — 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 (am) 3717346 (pm) or August on 5746754 after 6 pm.

Y.M.C.A.
The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1 at 8.30 pm. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will be in attendance. For reservations, contact Joe D'Sa at 2450279, 3981790, 3924659.

Indian Arts Circle
The Indian Arts Circle will stage a programme at 7.30 pm, Aug 18, to mark the end of a year's celebration of the 40th anniversary of India's independence. All Indians are cordially invited.

Indian Independence Day
On the occasion of the Independence Day of India, August 15, there will be a flag hoisting ceremony at 8.30 am at Embassy premises.

Varca Sporting Centre
Varca Sporting Centre will organise an evening of games and entertainment at the Tent SAS on September 22, 1988. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Next of Kin. Further details later.

HOTELS

At the Sheraton
Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo is closed on Fridays.

Al Hambra features authentic Lebanese cuisine every Sunday and seafood specialities on

Wednesday nights; a sumptuous brunch buffet is offered on Fridays. Live entertainment is provided by the Lords.

The Hunt Room offers a variety of meat and fish preparations at lunch and dinner.

Arab world specialities are available every Thursday evening at Le Tarbouche. A buffet lunch and dinner is offered on Fridays.

The Coffee Shop features a wide range of international cuisine and has a daily special.

At the Holiday Inn

Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers international buffet meals at lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also available. Fresh pastries and cakes can be bought every day at Viennese Cafe. The Hanging Babylon Gardens are ideal for a period of quiet relaxation.

On Wednesday, join the Shuhrazad barbecue at the poolside; there will be games, prizes and surprises. On Thursday, enjoy music and food at the Arabian Night at the Al Andalus Supper club. Al Dana offers a special treat for children at the Friday brunch, open from 11 am to 3 pm.

Recreation facilities include squash and tennis courts, male/female gymnasiums with saunas, solaria, whirlpools, and massage and relaxation rooms.

At the Ramada

El Bender Coffee Shop offers continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 12 midnight; a la carte also available. Special shrimp promotion on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, featuring a wide variety of shrimp preparations.

The take-away counter, open daily from 4 pm to 11 pm, offers a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks, plus fish and chips.

Le Mirage nightclub has a barbecue on Thursday evening, featuring a full buffet and live entertainment from the Al Arzz Band.

At the Meridien

La Brasserie offers Friday brunch from 12 noon to 4 pm; also open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Beat the summer heat with cool juices offered in the lobby lounge; musical entertainment is provided in the evenings.

At the Kuwait Plaza Hotel

The Al Dallah coffee shop offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a set menu mini business lunch. Light snacks and ice-cream are available at the International

Food Arcade, open 10.00 am to 11.00 pm.

Enjoy Turkish cuisine, a la carte, at the Bosphorus restaurant. Open for lunch and dinner every day except Saturday. The Marco Polo restaurant offers Italian food, live music and a candlelight atmosphere.

There is a Filipino Night every Sunday 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm; live entertainment provided.

At the Hilton

La Palma has introduced a new 12-day buffet cycle featuring Arab specialities; open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, from 6.30 am to midnight.

At the Failaka restaurant, select from a wide variety of dishes to make your own table top buffet. The Magnetic Band provides live music in the evenings. Open every day 12.30 pm and 7.30-11.30 pm.

Ice-cream, cold drinks and this week's special coconut pie are available at La Patisserie. Open daily 10.30 am - 10.45 pm.

At the Continental

The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food at dinner on Thursday and at lunch on Friday.

The Darbar offers lunch buffet every Thursday. A la carte for dinner.

SPORTS

14th Winners Cup

The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open 14th Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning Sept 16. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the Ahmadi Governorate Ground located behind the Computer Centre. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm. The draw will be held on Friday, Aug 26, at 9 am at the Kuwait Lanka Restaurant, Fahabeh.

Kuwait Nomads Rugby Club

Work parties will be held at the grounds on Thursday and Friday at 7.30 am. Please make every effort to attend.

Boy's Own Club

Boy's Own Club will organise a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (October 22/23). Interested teams can contact Milegres -3967446 -or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.15 Good Morning
- 9.30 Cartoons
- 10.15 Ibn Al Jabal
- 11.15 Ala Dunya Al Salam: Arabic serial, starring Suad Abdullah, Hayat Al Fahed
- 12.30 Magic show
- 1.30 News in brief
- 1.05 World today via satellite
- 1.40 Al Ajneha: new Arabic daily serial, starring Fadiya Hattab, Saleh Al Hayek, Salma Al Masri
- 3.35 Cartoons
- 4.15 The Saint: starring Roger Moore
- 5.00 Liqa Al Kbamis: variety show
- 7.15 Local programme on horses
- 7.45 Ma'a Al Islam
- 8.30 Wa Qalat Al Arab
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 10.00 Arabic feature film: "Daqat Al Babi" starring Huda Sultan, Mustafa Fahmi, Dalal Abdul Aziz
- 11.45 Thursday Late Night variety show
- 12.45 Musical programme
- 1.30 News summary
- 1.35 World today via satellite/ Holy Quran/ Closedown

FRIDAY

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.15 Good Morning
- 9.30 Cartoons
- 10.00 News summary
- 10.05 Magazine d'Actualite
- 10.15 Al Saif Al Maqoud: weekly children's serial
- 10.45 Religious programme
- 11.15 Friday prayer
- 12.25 Religious programme
- 1.00 World Today via Satellite
- 1.35 Songs
- 2.00 Cultural film
- 2.30 Religious talk
- 3.30 Arabic feature film: "Arba Banant Wa Dabel" starring Anwar Wajdi and Naima Akel
- 5.45 Cartoons
- 6.00 Songs
- 7.00 Kuwait in a week
- 7.30 Islamic programme
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.45 Wrestling
- 10.45 Nasseekh: local weekly serial

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES



War games in High Mountain Rangers, on KTV 2 at 8.30 pm.

- 11.45 News summary
- 11.50 World today via satellite/ Holy Quran/ Closedown

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Bionic Six
- 6.30 Sesame Street: tutorial, educational and recreational programme for children...
- 7.30 Full House: "Dur Very First Night" Uncle Jesse and Joey babysit while Danny is out on night duty.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 High Mountain Rangers: "War-games" Larry, his brother Jack join a group of men in war games on the mountainside. One of the men is killed and the Rangers team have to find the murderer.
- 9.30 I Married Dora:

- "Happy, Happy Birthday" Birthdays celebrations for Dora are disrupted by a letter from the Immigration Department.
- 10.00 The Hit Squad: practical jokes, intrigues, laughs, fun and sneaky hits captured through the hidden camera
- 10.30 Feature Film
- 11.30 News summary: Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown

- FRIDAY
- 2.00 Holy Quran
- 2.10 Cartoons
- 2.30 Sports Studio
- 6.00 Foo Fur
- 6.30 Walt Disney Film: "My Town" a look at life in Millville.
- 7.30 The Bay City Rollers Show: songs, humorous discussions and a short story for children.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 Summer '88

- 8.40 Beant, and the Beast: "To Reign in Hell" Catherine is kidnapped and hidden underground. Will the Beast rescue her despite a fortune teller's warning of an ambush?
- 9.30 227: "The Working Game" Calvin befriends a wealthy young man who shows interest in Mary's daughter. The community is suspicious.
- 10.00 Guinness Book of World Records
- 10.30 Tour of Duty: "War Lover" The group is sent to destroy a bridge near the North-South border.
- 11.30 News summary: Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

FM Services

- 0800 Easy Listening
- 0830 News
- 10.40 Easy Listening
- 10.00 Songs and Music
- 11.00 Country and Western
- 12.00 Songs and Music
- 13.00 Easy Listening
- 13.30 News
- 14.00 Alan Al Nahmud Classical
- 15.00 Songs and Music
- 16.00 Easy Listening
- 17.00 Arabic Songs and Music
- 18.00 Party Music
- 19.00 Scene and Heard
- 20.00 Party Music
- 21.30 News
- 21.45 Party Music
- 02.00 Closedown

BBC World Services

- 0000 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Radio Newsworld
- 30 Radio Active
- 3100 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 30 News about Britain
- 40 Book Choice
- 45 Society Today
- 1200 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 Network UK
- 300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 The World Today
- 30 The Cross and the Crescent
- 400 Newsdesk
- 30 Classical Record Review

CINEMA TODAY

- J Andalus
- be Running Man
- starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger
- J Salmiya
- reserved for Al Jazira Theatre
- J Hamra
- White Apache
- live-in
- J Folous Wa Al Wohoush
- starring: Mohammed Ubhi and Madiha Kamel
- J Firdous
- Alzala (Hindi)

PRAYERS

- 3.48 am
- 11.53
- 3.29 pm
- 6.31
- 7.55
- FRIDAY
- 3.49 am
- 11.53
- 3.28 pm
- 6.30
- 7.54

RADIO PROGRAMMES

- 45 Reflections
- 50 Financial News
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Peetles' Choice
- 45 The World Today
- 0600 Newsdesk
- 30 Time for Verse
- 40 The Farming World
- 0700 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Guitar Workshop
- 45 Network UK
- 0800 World News
- 09 Reflections
- 15 Country Style
- 30 John Peel
- 0900 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 The World Today
- 30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
- 45 Society Today
- 1000 News Summary followed by Churchill the Historian
- 30 Radio Active
- 1100 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 New Ideas (ex 4th and 25th Sportsworld cont'd)
- 25 Book Choice (ex 4th and 25th Sportsworld cont'd)
- 30 Citizens
- 1200 Radio Newsworld
- 15 Multitrack 2
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1300 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Network UK

- 45 4th and 25th Sportsworld: 11th Jazz Scene UK; 18th Folk in Britain
- 1400 Outlook, opening with 5-minute News
- 45 Write On...
- 1500 Radio Newsworld
- 15 The Pleasure's Yours
- 1600 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Churchill the Historian
- 45 The World Today
- 1700 World News
- 09 Commentary
- 15 Citizens
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1800 Newsdesk
- 30 The Pop Science Programme: ex 4th and 11th From Concert
- 1900 Outlook, opening with News summary (ex 4th and 11th)

- From Concert cont'd)
- 25 (11th only) News Summary followed by Outlook
- 29 (4th only) News Summary
- 30 Stock Market Report (ex 11th Outlook cont'd)

Urdu

- 1900 Opening
- 1910 Beharun Quai
- 1916 Programme Preview
- 1920 Songs
- 1935 Press Report
- 1940 Perchayon
- 2000 News
- 2020 Songs
- 2040 Radio Magazine
- 2100 Closedown

NIGHT CHEMIST

- Kuwait
- Talal Pharmacy
- Al Hilali St., opp. Education Ministry
- Al Bakhamsi Pharmacy
- Ahmad Al Jaber St.
- Hawalli and Nagra
- Al Firdous Pharmacy
- Beirut St., Nagra
- Salmiya and Rumeithiya
- Qurtubah Pharmacy
- Salem Al Mubarak St.
- Fahabeh and Ahmadi
- Burcan Pharmacy
- Al Suhah Market, Fahabeh
- Jeeb Al Shiyoukh
- Palestine Pharmacy
- Main St., Sabah Abdul Raji bldg
- Jahra
- Al Nour Pharmacy
- Al Matafi St., Abdul Aziz Al Nasserallah Bldg.

FRIDAY

- Kuwait
- Gharnata Pharmacy
- Fahad Al Salem St., Al Rashid Bldg.
- Al Muntaser Pharmacy
- Ahmad Al Jaber St.
- Hawalli and Nagra
- Shamsan Pharmacy
- Bin Khalidoun St., Nagra
- Salmiya and Rumeithiya
- Qurtubah Pharmacy
- Salem Al Mubarak St.
- Fahabeh and Ahmadi
- Al Ahraj Pharmacy
- Snan St. Salman Al Dabous Centre, Fahabeh
- Jeeb Al Shiyoukh
- Al Razi
- Jahra
- Al Zahra Pharmacy
- Souk Jadid

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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

DO you wish men to speak well of you? Then never speak well of yourself — Blaise Pascal, French scientist-philosopher (1623-1662).

Cardenas continues fight for presidency

By Richard Jacobsen

TORREON, Mexico, (Reuters): Cuauhtemoc Cardenas, disputing his second-place showing in last month's Mexican presidential election, stepped off the plane in this northern farm town to a winner's welcome.

"Viva Cardenas, our president" an elderly woman shouted a Cardenas, clad in blue jeans and boots, walked under a banner reading: President Cuauhtemoc Cardenas, you give the orders.

Alleging fraud in the July 6 polls, Mexico's hardest fought election in decades, the Cardenas camp is determined to contest the victory of Carlos Salinas de Gortari, candidate of the Ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI).

"What we are seeing is the people's determination to defend their rights to defend the right that we Mexicans have to democratically elect those who govern us," Cardenas said.

He claims that the government and the PRI orchestrated massive fraud at the polling stations and during the week-long vote tally to rob him of the presidency.

Support
PRI has not lost a presidential contest since 1929. This year was the first time it conceded any losses in senate races.

Cardenas said his candidacy, based on a nationalistic platform, gained widespread support due primarily to voters' frustration with Mexico's prolonged economic crisis.

According to official figures, Salinas won with 50.36 per cent of the vote, PRI's narrowest margin in history.

Cardenas of the centre-left National Democratic Front (FDN) was placed second with 31.12 per cent, with Manuel Clouthier of the rightist National Action Party (PAN) with 17.07 per cent.

Soon after those official returns were announced, Cardenas began what he called "a new phase of the electoral process."

Starting with a Mexico City rally of 300,000 supporters, Cardenas began touring the country telling his backers not to accept a Salinas presidency.

"There is evidence of fraud throughout the republic," Cardenas told Reuters recently aboard an FDN bus touring the northern state of Coahuila.

"These are things which Mexicans cannot accept," added Car-

denas, the son of a popular president of the 1930s and himself a PRI dissident forced out last year in a struggle over greater democracy within the party.

Salinas has not commented directly on the Cardenas tour and has called the opposition's electoral gains — including its first four seats in the senate and major inroads in the lower house — a sign of Mexico's maturing democracy.

But the PRI recently published full-page ads in several Mexico City newspapers saying it is Cardenas' "personal ambition" that keeps him from accepting the Salinas victory.

"Faced with the triumph of the PRI candidate... Cardenas has had to fall back on false accusations, lies and daily provocations in order to try to prove something the majority of the people know cannot be proven," the ads read.

Protest
At rallies in Coahuila, Cardenas tells supporters to organise committees and be prepared for protests in coming weeks to keep from having their rights "run over."

He denies, however, that he is inciting open rebellion.

"It isn't that one is agitating — the people are simply demanding that their rights be respected," he said. "There will be no actions outside the law."

Cardenas' strategy turns on the Mexican constitution, which states that federal elections results are not official until confirmed by congressional electoral colleges.

Colleges in the upper and lower houses are to begin meeting on Aug 15 to review senate and chamber of deputies elections and in early September, Congress will move to confirm the presidential elections.

He said officials from the FDN and PAN — which has called for the annulment of the presidential election — were negotiating an agreement for the two leading opposition groups to work together in the electoral colleges.

And as the silver tour bus pulled into the town of Francisco I. Madero where about 6,000 supporters were waiting, Cardenas said he would continue fighting even if Salinas were sworn in as president on Dec 1.

"It would be a government of usurpation without legitimacy or moral authority to govern," he said.

"We would have no reason not to continue demanding that the law and the popular will be respected."

Burma's socialist house rocked

By David Storey

BANGKOK, (Reuters): The Burmese house that Ne Win built over 26 years has been rocked to its foundations in two weeks as mass protests greeted attempts by the embattled government to sustain its unpopular socialist rule by force.

The people of Burma, held in check by a totalitarian military government that drove a potentially thriving economy into the ground, rose up in defiance on Monday, demanding civil rights and a new democracy.

Young people, masked to avoid identification, marshalled huge demonstrations throughout the capital Rangoon and in 14 other cities across the country in an unprecedented day of protest.

Diplomats who have tried to keep track of the bewildering turmoil of political changes in the country of 38 million people were caught by surprise by the breadth and boldness of the demonstrations.

Reforms
Sein Lwin, who took over from Ne Win as chairman of the ruling Burma Socialist Programme Party (BSPP) on July 26, appeared to take the initiative after months of unrest by offering reforms coupled with a round-up of dissidents.

But Burmese people, led by students as the traditional vanguard of resistance and fired by anger over rocketing prices, food shortages and atrocities by riot police, made a mockery of his attempts to put a lid on protest.

In his last speech as leader at an emergency BSPP congress on July 23 Ne Win said that if the Army were called out to quell disturbance again they would shoot to kill.

He had already been forced to put his home town Pyaw Oo under martial law after days of rioting. But promotion of Sein Lwin, immensely unpopular in Burma for his key role in suppressing opposition, rubbed salt in his people's wounds.

Sein Lwin's unexpectedly conciliatory approach, encouraging private enterprise, a clean-up of corruption and a more open government, went ignored as protest seethed beneath the restrained Buddhist surface.

Students had issued leaflets complaining of "the Burmese Nazi government" and the most outspoken dissident Aung Gyi said Burma was descending into an "animal kingdom."

Ne Win's warning that the Army would shoot went unheeded and suddenly the tree-lined streets of the capital were filled with daily protest marches.

Even the declaration of martial law in the city last Wednesday failed to have much effect.

On Monday students chanted "The Army is our Army" and beseeched the military patrols to take their side against the secretive leadership.

Sein Lwin, like Ne Win, depends entirely on the military for support. But the Army is thinly spread and like everyone else in Burma poorly supplied.

Fighting
Most of the troops are tied up fighting ethnic rebellions along the borders and cannot be moved to patrol the streets of Mandalay, Taunggyi and other cities racked by violent protests.

One of the most humiliating blows for the fiercely nationalist Burmese was last year's final admission of economic defeat, when the government applied for least developed country status at the United Nations.

Unnecessary controversy

SIR: E.K. Nayanar, the Chief Minister of Kerala, had made an appeal for contributions to the distress fund for the people affected by the July 8 Perumon train tragedy.

However, later, he withdrew the appeal due to a lot of noise created by some people with vested interests.

In withdrawing the appeal, however, Nayanar made it clear that similar appeals had been made in the past.

Though some individuals raised the question of violation of constitutional rights and the Foreign Contributions Regulations Act of India, no constitutional expert commented against the appeal.

Some people have temporarily succeeded in kicking up a controversy over the appeal — though it was a noble effort, meant for a worthy cause.

Nayanar withdrew the appeal to avoid a controversy on a tragedy, and not because he was afraid of any legal repercussions or any violent political upheaval.

Though, personally, I do not subscribe to Nayanar's political ideology, his integrity is unquestionable and cannot be tarnished by the misguided views of a few individuals.

There has been a recent instance in Kuwait where funds in the name of the same chief minister had been raised in Kuwait. Were the fund raisers registered with the concerned authorities in Kuwait as stipulated by B.R. Bhagat, the former foreign minister of India, during his visit to Kuwait?

Some people have tried in vain to hoodwink the Indian community saying that Nayanar has insulted the overseas Indians. Not many people in Kuwait view that such an announcement is an insult to their country.

The greatness of India lies in its culture, history and tradition and in its capacity to respond readily, rapidly, and compassionately to human sufferings whether they be within or outside Kuwait.

K.M. John, Safat.

Appeal welcomed

SIR: I welcome the appeal by the chief minister of Kerala, India, for relief fund for the benefit of victims of Perumon train crash, and I appreciate the space donated by Kuwait India Exchange and Atlas Jewellery to advertise the appeal in local newspapers.

Violent Colombia

Crisis of confidence, spectre of anarchy

By Bernd Debusmann

BOGOTA, (Reuters): Colombia is teetering on the edge of anarchy, with violence raging out of control and confidence in the authority of the state fast disappearing.

Year after year, Latin America's third biggest country has been sinking deeper into what former foreign minister Alfredo Vasquez has labelled "a swamp of blood and barbarity."

In the first five months of 1998, a church organisation registered a political killing or disappearance every 84 minutes. The government reported that kidnappings ran at three times the 1987 level, at an average of 1.5 every day.

Murder is the leading cause of death for men aged 15 to 45.

"This multiple violence is feeding on itself and raises the prospect of generalised anarchy in the country's social and political life," said a 318-page report prepared for the government by 10 eminent experts who concluded that life is cheap in Colombia and getting cheaper.

Horror
The grim statistics fail to convey the full horror of Colombia's violent free-for-all. In a series of massacres in the thinly-policed countryside, dozens of peasants have been hacked to pieces with machetes.

In feuds between cocaine traffickers, children have been gunned down in front of their parents, whole families dragged from their homes and shot. Self-appointed "clean-up squads" stalk city streets at night, killing prostitutes, homosexuals, beggars and vagrants.

"We are living under the law of the jungle," said a bulletin issued by cattle ranchers based in Medellin, one of the most violent cities and the home of a major drug ring.

Said a foreign diplomat in Bogota: "There is a crisis of confidence because things are going from bad to worse. The justice system does not work and there is a widespread perception that the government is drifting."

"We suffer from multiple forms of violence," explained

It was correctly mentioned in the advertisement to send the donations directly to the Finance Ministry in Kerala, for I understand that some other individuals were about to go to houses for collection for this cause.

A month ago, a gentleman came to me asking for donations for the Chief Minister's Fund. My neighbours and I generously contributed. However, I later heard that this gentleman has not settled his account with the organisation which he claimed to have represented. He collected money from Farwaniya and Kheitan. He claims to be the president of Gulf Malayalee Congress.

So I request, in future, if any appeal for collection is to be made, please mention the address in India, so that donations can be sent directly to the needy.

It would be beneficial if Kuwait India Exchange or Atlas Jewellery could periodically publish such appeals on behalf of needy causes like "Mother Teresa's Poor Fund", giving the correct address in India.

A donor,
(Name and address supplied)

Misbehaving conductors

SIR: I would like to bring to the attention of the KPTC authorities the misbehaviour of some of the bus conductors and drivers.

On Aug 1, I was travelling to Fahabed by bus No. 102. Near the Fintas traffic signal bus stop, an elderly Pakistani gentleman got into the bus. The old man wanted to go to Sabahiya. When he found out that the bus was going towards the seaside road, he wanted to get down at the next stop.

The conductor came up to the old man and slapped him on the cheek saying that the driver had given signal that the bus was going to the seaside road and asked him why he got onto the bus. Then a brawl started and the old man fell on the bus floor. The conductor kicked him in his face and stomach. Nobody came to the help of the old man.

Before the bus reached the Fintas petrol pump bus stop, the driver stopped the vehicle and the old man was pushed out by the conductor. The old man picked up a stone, threatening to hit the conductor. The driver and the conductor then got out of the bus, and the conductor beat the old man. The old man's forehead was bleeding.

The conductor then

threatened other passengers with dire consequences if they complained. The concerned bus number was 2683 which reached Fahabed at 7.15 pm. I hope the authorities will take necessary action.

A passenger,
(Name and address supplied)

Goans, come forward

SIR: The Indian embassy in Kuwait has opened a mini-auditorium with the co-operation of social organisations.

I am very pleased to see this encouraging development at the embassy, for the first time, and I express my sincere thanks to the Indian Ambassador N.N. Jha and to Atish Sinha, the Counsellor, who have taken personal interest in putting up this facility.

I would like to remind the Goans here, who are involved in social programmes, that they could avail this opportunity and set up a Goan community welfare co-ordination committee. The committee could then look into Air India Goa operations as the Goans are not satisfied with Air India schedules, take up problems of admissions for higher education of Goan students studying in Gulf as the number of seats reserved are very limited, and give a helping hand to the community members in Kuwait, whenever a situation arises.

Will the Goans, who have shown interest in community welfare work, come forward?

Vincent D'Souza, Safat.

Unfair comments

SIR: I deeply deplore the comments made by Larry Banks of the British consular section, Kuwait, that appeared in the Arab Times, indirectly accusing the Indian community in Kuwait of circulating false information about job offers in Brunei.

I myself deplore such type of false propaganda. It is surprising how Banks came to the conclusion that it was done by someone of Indian origin, while there are several other Asian communities living in Kuwait. We strongly feel that he owes an apology to the Indian community for accusing them of such ugly acts.

The humiliating remarks he made about wrong and misspelt English as Indian phraseology do not go to the credit of Banks. In this regard I would like to remind him about



a statement made by the veteran Indian statesman, Krishna Menon.

"We Indians learned English while the English people only knew that."

Banks should mind his language.

Jacob Philip, Safat.

Support uprising

SIR: It is the solemn duty of all the Arab countries in particular and freedom and peace loving nations of the world in general to support wholeheartedly the Palestinian uprising. The Jewish entity is trying to suppress it for their own survival.

The closure of schools in the occupied territories is a great loss in regard to children's education. Today's youths are tomorrow's citizens.

An international peace conference on the Middle East should be held to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict and to bring lasting peace, by establishing a Palestinian state under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

R.J. Saldanha Prabhu, Safat.

Indians barred

SIR: Recently I called the Modern School regarding admission for my three-year-old niece. The lady, who answered, asked me the nationality of the child.

The moment I told her, she was Indian, the lady muttered, stammered and bluntly said that we had to get special permission from the ministry.

May I know since when Indians are barred from even having proper education in English schools in Kuwait?

Zarina Khan, Bayan.

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Rebel groups likely to continue the war

By Ralph Joseph

MANAMA, (UPI): Despite the ceasefire between Iran and Iraq announced on Monday by the United Nations, surrogate rebel groups nurtured by both sides during the nearly eight-year-old war are likely to continue cross-border hostilities at a lower level.

Anti-Iranian rebels, based in Baghdad and known as the Mujahedin Khalq, last month showed they are far from reckoned with as they took advantage of an Iraqi invasion to push deep inside Iran and threatened the city of Bakhtaran, almost 100 miles (160 km) from the border, before being defeated.

Iraq also has under its wing Iranian Kurdish rebels in the north and rebel Baluchis in southwestern Iran, but the Mujahedin troops, known as the National Liberation Army of Iran, pose the most serious threat. The Mujahedin, led by Massoud Rajavi, is believed to have about 25,000 soldiers, mainly dissident exiles and deserters from the Iranian Armed Forces.

Iraq, meanwhile, has assisted Kurdish rebels for the last two years in northern Iraq where they have gained control of an area half the size of Lebanon.

Defeated

Tehran also supports Iraqi Islamic rebels, called the Badr Force.

Since none of the rebel groups have taken part in the ceasefire talks, they can argue that they are free to continue cross-border attacks, making the job of UN peace supervisors more difficult.

Thus, the talks on a "lasting peace" will probably have to deal with the surrogate forces.

There is a precedent. In a 1975 accord between Iran and Iraq, Shah Mohammed Pahlavi agreed to stop backing the Kurdish rebels in northern Iraq, in

return for a commitment from Baghdad not to assist Iranian Kurds.

If history repeats, the Iranian rebel army based in Iraq could find itself in much the same predicament that Mujalla Mustafa Barzani's Kurdish guerrillas faced when the Shah sold them down the river.

The Mujahedin's desperate bid to capture Bakhtaran last month probably stemmed from fear of a similar sellout.

The rebel troops, flying the red-white-and-green Iranian flag without either the Islamic revolutionary symbol or the lion and sun insignia of the Shah, suffered more than 1,000 killed in the three-day battle.

Death

Traditionally the troops yell "death to Khomeini" when they fire their mortars, but the women fighters abide by Islamic law, wearing the hejab head-covering under their helmets.

The Mujahedin, who are Muslims and also fought the Shah's regime, say they want to replace Khomeini with a democratic government based on elections, but they would not allow the Shah's son, Crown Prince Reza, currently in exile in the United States, or Khomeini followers to participate.

They acknowledge that Iraq has provided five bases along the warfront for training purposes but say Baghdad does not provide money or arms which they buy on the arms market or capture from Iranian forces.

In an interview in Baghdad and at the front earlier this year, they said they get big donations from Iranian supporters and rob Iranian banks.

For the Mujahedin, the ceasefire has come too soon, because the rebel army is not large enough to challenge Khomeini's forces in a sustained campaign inside Iran, and does not have enough troops to hold territory.

US debt will be focus of presidential campaign

By Mark R. Horowitz

WASHINGTON: The burgeoning debt of the United States will be a major focus of debate during the presidential campaign — Both Democrats and Republicans alike realise that the spending spree is over, and that fiscal responsibility is necessary to reverse the country's status as a debtor nation.

Not a small part of the debate derives from spending for special interest groups, including the Pentagon and the vendors that have contributed to a multi-billion-dollar arsenal build-up. And recent allegations of payoffs and cheating for defence contract awards make the matter of wise — and honest — spending crucial as America prepares to enter the last decade of the 20th century.

More than 250 years ago, a leader took hold of the reins of a government deep in debt and financial corruption, hoping to clean up a mess not all dissimilar to the current American malaise.

Regency

His name was Philippe D'Orleans, and in 1715 he assumed the regency of France after the death of the sun king, Louis XIV. The heir to the throne of this aged monarch was his five-year-old great-grandson Louis XV, a minor who required a regent to rule in his place until he reached his majority.

Philippe, the son of the old king's brother, was a personage both likeable and devious who could spend millions of francs at

a whim or contribute to the poor. His first task, however, was to deal with a national debt of 2.4 billion livres and additional floating debt that left the government bankrupt.

Philippe took bold steps to shrink the debt. He drastically reduced the Army to cut heavy military spending. Taxes were reduced and many of the previous abuses in tax collection were condemned or abolished.

But his boldest stroke was to address the public rage aimed at the fraud perpetrated by those dealing with the government: merchants, financiers and weapons manufacturers.

Confiscation

Philippe set up a chambre of justice — not unlike the occasional special prosecutor the United States calls into being from time to time. The chambre began prosecuting those groups and people accused of defrauding the government. To encourage a widespread investigation, the chambre offered incentives for whistle-blowers: one-fifth of all the funds recovered through their assistance. To protect informers, the death penalty was instituted for anyone interfering with their testimony.

Confiscation was one of the punishments bestowed upon a guilty party. Any person lying about how they obtained their finances could lose their property and be condemned to a ship's galley for life. Some were actually hanged or put in pillories. Several committed suicide.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1611 — Emperor Rudolf is forced to resign his Bohemian crown to his brother, Matthias.

1707 — "Perpetual Alliance" between Prussia and Sweden is signed, guaranteeing military support to each other in event of third party attack.

1712 — Treaty of Araru ends Swiss war, guaranteeing domination of Protestants over five Catholic cantons.

1786 — Penang is ceded to Britain by Rajah of Kedah in Malaya.

1863 — French protectorate over Cambodia is established.

1870 — Britain and France guarantee Belgian neutrality in Franco-Prussian war.

1929 — Arabs launch attacks on Jews in Palestine over disputes on Jewish use of Wailing Wall in Jerusalem.

1935 — Nazi storm troopers stage mass demonstrations against Jews in Germany.

1936 — Nationalist Chinese forces of Chiang-Kai-Shek enter Canton in China.

1937 — Bakr Sidqi, dictator of Iraq, is assassinated.

1945 — Allies inform Japan that its surrender offer is acceptable as Pacific war (World War II) nears end.

1952 — Prince Hussein is proclaimed King Hussein of Jordan on termination of King Talal's reign.

1954 — Formal peace announcement in Indochina ends more than seven years of fighting between French and the United States vetoes proposed admission of North and South Vietnam to United Nations.

1986 — Israeli warplanes raid targets in Lebanon for second straight day, hitting Palestinian commando bases around ancient city of Baalbek.

1987 — Soviet-Afghan bombardment of villages north of Kabul is reported to have sent hundreds of people fleeing into the city.

CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

by Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the Arab Times

So-called big names fail to draw crowds

Star-studded formula films flop in a row

THE entire Indian film industry has been badly shaken by the miserable box-office results of several big films in the last three months.

What is more painful is that a lot was expected from these big films and even a lot more from the stars who are supposed to be so popular. For new releases, this period is generally considered to be the best time coinciding with the summer vacations, when hordes of Indian tourists descend on the big cities from the smaller centres and when schools/colleges are closed.

Factor

The only negative factor was that of people either going away to hill resorts etc. or of those seeing films in some form or the other on video, through parlours, cable TV, disc antenna etc. But a vacation crowd which longs for social outings would not be closeted in small places or houses, seeing films on a small screen amidst discomforts. So why the flops?

It appears that there was something basically wrong with the formula films and the performances of the big and expensive stars like Mithun, Govinda, Anil Kapoor, Sunny, Sunjay Dutt among males, and Sri Devi, Dimple, Mandakini, Farha, Amrita Singh, Kirti among females. Some top heads in direction and music also rolled as the films flopped.

Distributors, financiers and other trade people have now also begun to question why such fancy prices running into lakhs of rupees are being paid to the stars, apart from tolerating their erratic ways of working.



Sri Devi: not much to sing about after three successive flops

They are expected to at least command an initial draw of two or three weeks which would help the film to pick up later or do well in smaller centres. But in most cases they could not achieve even that, the biggest examples being Mithun and Sri Devi, either together or

separately. Why then should the industry remain hung up only on stars?

A look at the weekly box office position of these films makes matters clearer. Kasam made on a big scale with Anil and Poonam ran for only three weeks at the main theatre, when

its collections fell to 60 per cent of the capacity. Many cinema halls charge fixed hire, which is more than half of the full house collections. So even the daily publicity cost is a loss, coming out of the distributor's pocket.

Charmon Ki Sangandhi with Mithun and Amrita had only 55 per cent collections in the second week, on thirteen prints running in Bombay. Soon it came down to one print in matinee shows. Aaj Ke Angarey fell to 60 per cent in the first week itself. This was at least a modest budget film with young new artists. But the spectacular Zalzalaa with a big star cast, could not fill half of the ten theatres in the second week. In the third it was reduced to one matinee show at the main theatre, when it collected just Rs. 26,000 in one week.

The most stunning falls were in the collections of Sherni and Ram Avtar, both of which have Sri Devi who is paid 22 lakhs per film.

Loud

The dacoit drama Sherni bombed so badly that in the third week itself, it was running at only one theatre getting half of the capacity. Ram Avtar which was a hackneyed triangle with Anil Kapoor and Sunny also tumbled. By the fourth week, it was somehow pulling on at one theatre that was half empty and collecting just 40,000 rupees.

This should make it ring loud and clear that Nagina and Mr India did not become big hits because of Sri Devi alone. They succeeded as they were well-plotted and well-made films for

which all in the unit should get credit.

But a foolish industry dubbed them as Sri Devi's triumphs and she upped her price as well as other demands. The two flops are now affecting her upcoming films. The R.K. girl Mandakini is almost meeting the same fate, with Pyar Mohabbat (starring Govinda) and Shoor V-er (Rajan Sippy) doing very lean business indeed.

Even the 'big heroes' could not rescue their films from collapse. Mithun did not even get an initial draw of one week for Simi's Rukhsat, though he had an action role in the old-world sentimental drama. His other film Commando with Mandakini has also gone the same way. Dharmendra, the one-lakh per day star, could not sustain Zalzalaa or Khatron Ke Khiladi.

Vinod Khanna, who is giving shouting shifts of just one or two hours, could not prop up F.C. Mehra's Aakhri Adalat after two weeks, though amply aided by Dimple and Sonam, with Jackie Shroff also tagging along. It dragged on for the fourth week at one theatre, owned by the producer himself.

Raj Kumar, Sunjay Dutt, Hema, Farha saw Prakash Mehra's Mohabbat Ke Dushman decline to weekly Rs. 30,000 at one theatre in the fourth week. The much-boasted Mahesh Bhatt's Kabzaa created some early ripples but was discontinued from all balls except one, in the fourth week.

It also shows that Sunjay



Even the presence of Vinod Khanna (right) with Jackie Shroff could not prevent Aakhri Adalat from the doldrums.

Dutt, Amrita and Dimple don't command the pull that is imagined for them. Sunjay was also the main (young) hero in Khatron Ke Khiladi. Naseerudin Shah's full-fledged commercial film Zuba Ko Jala Doonga got half the capacity from the first week itself. Mahaveera and Waqt Ki Awaaz have also crashed. Altogether the losses were immense.

Gloom

All these flops threw a pall of gloom and further strengthened the current fear that the industry is heading towards a

terrible crisis by December. If the Diwali releases also go the same way, then finance will totally dry up, distributors will stop buying and many theatres may close down.

But why can't the industry learn a lesson and mend itself? In the present disaster itself, the only silver lining is flashed by Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak. It is doing excellent business with two new stars in the lead. The expectation is fifty lakhs per zone. And all because an old romantic formula has been cleverly structured with for-

mula-less freshness in sequences, songs, performances etc.

Similarly the well-made suspense thriller Hatya, copied from "Eye Witness," with less emphasis on stars (Govinda and Neelam) but more on a gripping narrative has remained above average.

Other films doing satisfactory business are the family drama Pyar Ka Mandir and the well-scripted concoction Paap Ki Duniya. Producers must follow their example, rather than the easy way of making starchy, mindless or routine fare.

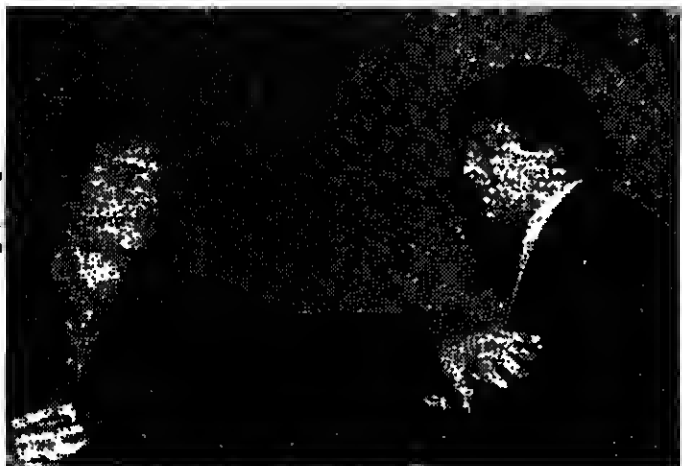
Behind the screen

Young starlet Sonam signed on for sixty films without a single release. Now that her first film Aakhri Adalat has arrived, she has proved to be a disaster. She can neither act properly nor does she look really beautiful. Her voice sounds heavy and manly. She does not help the film despite wearing minis and bikinis. What will happen to all her coming movies? Ask the producers who blindly run after any new craze.

When the Tamil Nayanam with Kamalhasan became a big hit, two rival heroes of Bombay

wanted to grab the Hindi rights. Tinnu Anand tried it, on behalf of Amitabh. But Feroz Khan offered Rs. 10 lakhs to acquire him and got it. He was doing it all for Vinod Khanna, who is now doing the central role in Dayavan.

Poor Aarti Gupta once tried her level best to become a sexy starlet in horror films or dancing roles. But she failed. Now a producer has made a promotional film Jhansi Ki Rani and put Aarti, of all the people, in the role of Laxmibai, the great patriotic queen. Since



Feroz Khan gave Rs. 10 lakhs to get the rights of Dayavan for Vinod Khanna (right).

a TV spot of half a minute has also been made from the film, we will have to bear the sight of the ex-sex bomb wielding a sword on a horseback to save her country!

Since the late Raj Kapoor could not start the much publicised Heena, the producer of the Indian War & Peace, titled Jung Aur Aman, has given that name to a new starlet he is introducing. But then Randhir Kapoor has also vowed that he will make Heena.

Only a few months ago, Salma Agha used to be very proud of her husband Javed Sheikh. She would bring him to parties and talk a lot about their

joint ventures. But now she is divorced and humbled. No more dreams of leading roles and home productions. She is playing second fiddle to none other than Sujata Mehta, who herself needs to be humbled. We hope there won't be a battle royal over the film Kanwarlal, because all that Salma has now got is a film called "Miss Chahal-baz."

Producers can be foolish enough to buy back their own property. F.C. Mehra's pet title is Majrim. He made it once and wanted to do it again. But he forgot to get the title re-registered. And new producer Satish Khanna grabbed it. The anxious Mehra paid a price and bought back his own title.



Salma Agha (left) with ex-husband Javed Sheikh: no more dreams

Satyajit Ray, the master is back

By Payal Singh

THE master is at work again. Nearly five years after a massive heart attack felled him on the sets of Ghare Baire compelling him to eschew celluloid, save a documentary on his father and a remote-controlled television series, Satyajit Ray is back, with a boom.

In the corner of a large study in his spacious south Calcutta apartment, Ray is fervently at work on his twenty-fourth film. Sombre and gaunt, the cardiac malfunction has obviously reduced his physical resources, but that first-class mind is rapier-sharp as ever.

Mention the forthcoming enterprise though and an inscrutable mask, that the lady of Gioconda would be happy to copyright, falls into place.

Reveal

"It is a total secret," he says emphatically "under no circumstances do I let anyone know the cast or story line at this point." Ray's reticence before he commences shooting, is celebrated.

Even his crew is shooed into silence. In a 1981 interview he disclosed why. "The moment I announce a film," he told Ella Dutta, "I will be pestered so



Satyajit Ray: fervently at work on his twenty-fourth film

much by telephone calls, letters... I do not have the time for all that."

All Ray would reveal was that the film will be made in Bengali and completed within two-and-a-half months.

With Ray unwilling to show his cards before October, one can only speculate about the film's theme.

Could it be an updated version of The Alien Ray's sci-fi script that predated the Lucas-Spielberg flicks by ten years? The movie maestro had intended to film the comic consequences of the discovery of an extraterrestrial craft by a Mar-

wari businessman, to be played then by Peter Sellers. For one reason or another, the project didn't get airborne, though he eloquently discussed his plans into the early eighties.

Persistence

Ray has constantly exhibited tremendous persistence where his ventures are concerned. Ghare Baire, for instance, was conceived in the late forties long before Pather Panchajali, but materialised only in 1984.

The only thing that may prevent a revival of the Alien is Ray's own physical condition. Even with all that high-tech and special effects at his console, the

process of shooting an other-worldly epic may require more energy than the 67-year-old director can provide.

In which case, the project may have a rural, Sadgauri-like, orientation. Four years ago, he told Rinki Bhattacharya that the project he had in mind was "a complete contrast to Ghare Baire which was a period piece, dealt with upper-class people."

It is almost certain to be a rural subject. "Only the master then wanted to film in Hindi. Will the present shift to Bengali also mark an alteration in the plot? No one really knows. And all one now knows is that Victor Banerjee will play the lead."

What really matters is that Ray is making a film after all. In a conversation with the United News of India before the Delhi film festival, he had indicated that his final contribution to Indian cinema would be the documentary on Sukumar Ray, which he has refused to subtitle on the ground that his father's genius does not easily translate into English.

That he has now overcome that reluctance and tiredness to recreate that special abracadabra is indeed gratifying news.

Courtesy: Illustrated weekly of India.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By Dr. Allan Bruckheim

PAINFUL URINATION MAY BE SIGN OF INFECTION

QUESTION: Can you please tell me what the problem can be that causes me to have pain or burning whenever I pass my urine? I have bought those strips to test my urine for sugar and it is always a blank.

ANSWER: Pain or burning on urination is not a sign of diabetes mellitus but rather a clue that there is irritation or inflammation of the bladder or the tube that drains the bladder (the urethra). The most common cause of this irritation is an infection. Infections of this type are most commonly seen in women because of the closeness between the rectum and the opening for the urethra. This makes it much easier for bacteria to cross over into the urinary passages to cause the infection. Depending on the type of bacteria that cause the infection, suitable antibiotics can be chosen that can readily correct the problem. Your confusion between diabetes and painful urination is a common one based upon the fact that urinary infections are more common in people with diabetes. The sugar in the urine makes a better growing environment for the bacteria. Whenever this problem occurs frequently it is wise to check with your physician to determine the causes. This may help you prevent a simple infection of the bladder from progressing into a more serious one affecting the kidney.

QUESTION: Will you clear up some confusion in our family by explaining just what an "MI" is? How do doctors determine if

you have it? ANSWER: MI is medical shorthand for myocardial infarction, which in turn is the proper name for a heart attack. An infarction means that an area of tissue has died because its blood supply has been cut off and myocardial means the area that died was heart muscle. MIs are caused by clots, clots or spasms in the coronary arteries that supply heart muscle with blood.

Several warning signs can tell you whether an MI is imminent or occurring. These include discomfort or pain in the chest (especially a feeling of great pressure or squeezing), shortness of breath, pain in the jaw, neck or arms, nausea and a cold sweat. Not everyone who has a heart attack has all or even any of these symptoms, but most people have at least some of them. If your doctor thinks you may have an MI, he or she will run tests, including an electrocardiogram (ECG) and certain blood tests. The results of these tests, along with the symptoms, should give the doctor enough information to make a diagnosis.

QUESTION: My doctor told me that my tendinitis was an "inflammation" of a tendon. I thought "itis" meant an infection, like in "appendicitis." Can you clear this up for me?

ANSWER: Your physician probably has diagnosed your disease correctly, but I'd bet

that many people have the same impression about our confusing medical terminology that you do. Actually "itis" does refer to inflammations, but an infection that produces an inflammatory reaction in the body. Such a reaction produces five signs, often called the "cardinal" signs to emphasize their importance, which are: redness, warmth or heat, swelling, pain and loss of function in the area of the inflammation. When a bacteria is the culprit causing the inflammation, antibiotics may be used to fight the infection. Anti-inflammatory drugs ranging from aspirin, NSAIDS (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medicine) to steroids (cortisone-like medication) can be used to combat the effects of the inflammatory process and thus reduce intensity of the five signs described.

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By Smith





Mrs Dorothy Cavis - Brown, lineswoman, has a nap during a 1964 match between Abe Segal and Clarke Graebner. She was roused by a ballboy (inset). Abe Segal said 'I know my tennis is boring but I didn't realise it was that bad!'

Red faces on Wimbledon's green lawns

By John Parsons

IT HAS long been acknowledged that Wimbledon is the best planned, most efficiently run, lawn tennis tournament in the world. The fact that the slightest hiccup in the organisation makes worldwide news, is a testimony to its sometimes jealously admired reputation.

Yet even within the lovingly tended acres forming The All England Club, there are moments when not everything flows as the referee, the players, the umpires, the Press, the administration or the public intend. Some of the greatest moments of embarrassment have long since been recorded in tennis history.

The late Mrs Dorothy Cavis-Brown, for so long a stalwart of the umpiring fraternity in Britain, and on the Continent, became something of a legend after she fell asleep on Court 3, while taking a line during a match between Abe Segal and Clark Graebner.

To be fair, it was one of those sultry, overcast afternoons, immediately following the Empire's cocktail party, which in those days was held before, rather than after the play, as now. Most people around at the time will recall the photograph of the ball boy gently tapping the slumbering Mrs Cavis-Brown on the shoulder, to the huge amusement of the crowd and the disbelief of Mike Gibson, who was tournament referee at the time.

Recalling that occasion, Gibson says "It was an awful moment but I had to laugh when Abe, glancing at the lady, said 'I know my tennis is boring but I didn't realise it was that bad.'"

One of the secrets of Wimbledon success, of course, is the detail which goes into the planning. Yet sometimes even that has been known to falter. Tony Cooper, the former assistant secretary recalled how he woke up at a terrible sweat at 3.00 am on the morning. The Championships were about to start one year and remembered he had not been in touch with Slazengers to order the balls. Fortunately the company

assumed, after more than half a century, they were needed and sent them in the usual way.

Then there was the time when only 720 rather than 7,300 toilet rolls were ordered for the fortnight. Within 24 hours the emergency measures which some people restored to, meant the drains started to block. It was by no means the only plumbing crisis.

On the rare occasion that things do go wrong, however, remedial action is swift. Back in the 1930's, one guest to the Royal Box lost her string of heirloom pearls down a toilet when the clasp broke at the worst possible moment. Even though it meant working through the night and digging into the drains almost down to the South-East gate, they were returned to her the next day.

The problems some players have had with their dress over the years, have often made news. Quite apart from the fuss that was created by Gussie Moran and her lace panties, and later those in gold lame worn by Carol Fageros, there was the time Rosie Casals appeared on Court 1 in a dress blatantly advertising a cigarette company and the occasion John McEnroe walked out on the first day of The Championships wearing blue shorts. Both were persuaded to change before starting their matches, so that there was no breach of the "predominantly white" rule.

"With Anne White, a few years ago, the situation was slightly different she certainly did not break the 'predominantly white' regulation. In that her outfit was glistening white. It was a figure hugging white body stocking which she wore to protect her from the cold one evening when she went out to play Pam Shriver. The photographers could not believe their lenses or their luck.

One had the impression they were all waiting and hoping that Miss White might be ordered to change into something more traditional on the court. No doubt they were recalling the time another American, Linda Siegel, accidentally revealed more

than she planned whenever she served, while wearing a low cut, strapless dress.

Only last year Tim Wilkison had to make a hasty retreat from Centre Court when the zip broke on his shorts; but sartorial embarrassment is nothing new at Wimbledon. Over the years ball boys have been used to being asked to fetch safety pins, for instance. In some cases, they have been despatched to provide other forms of support, including refreshment.

Wimbledon has been fortunate in its Royal patronage over the years but even Royal guests have, on occasions, been witnesses of, or involved in, incidents which have caused red faces. When the Queen paid her first visit to Wimbledon after the Second World War, a middle-aged lady on to the Centre Court with a banner over a political issue which was paramount at the time. Col. John Legg, the referee, dashed on to intervene but being somewhat short in stature, found his attempts to pull the rather large lady away, a daunting task. When the lady pulled back, she clearly was winning, much to the amusement of all concerned, including those in the Royal Box.

The late King George VI, of course, was an enthusiastic Wimbledon visitor, both as a player and spectator. On one occasion, however, by some mischance, he locked himself inside what is now known as 'The Duke's box'. No one knew how to help, until someone remembered that when the problem had happened before, one of the ladies working in the kitchen had produced the solution.

She was duly summoned but no-one told her who the 'prisoner' was inside. "I don't know who's in there but stand back. I'm coming in," she announced firmly, before charging into the door and bowling straight into the King who was standing there with his bowler hat on.

Wimbledon, at times, is quite an animal sanctuary, not only for the pigeons who have been known to make themselves more at home than most people

would like, in Centre Court. Squirrels and even foxes have been known to frequent the grounds too, but when Chief Executive, Christopher Goringe overheard on the walkie talkies one afternoon during The Championships a few years ago that there was 'a Pink Elephant in Somerset Road', the mind boggled. Sure enough, though it was true. It was parading up and down advertising a circus in Battersea Park.

Of course things are not always quite as they appear on the surface. For one horrifying moment it looked as if former South African player, Bob Hewitt, who was renowned for giving vent to his feelings at times, was giving umpire Eric Augur a 'V' sign during one of his matches. Long before the arrival of Supervisors or the Code of Conduct. Even worse it then seemed as if Augur made a 'V' sign in response.

In fact it was a case of Hewitt asking, after a dispute over a serve, whether he would then be hitting a second serve and Augur responding to him that in fact he would be able to start the point again with two serves.

Rescue. Improvisation sometimes comes to the rescue. Three years ago Martina Navratilova and Paul McNamee were still involved in a mixed doubles semi-final until barely half an hour before they were going to be needed for the final. Immediately after a shorter than expected men's singles final on Centre Court.

There was obviously concern in the referee's office about whether they would be ready to play. "It'll be no problem. I'll go in 30 minutes, providing I can have a plate of boiled potatoes," she replied. At 4.00pm on a final Sunday afternoon, that was a problem... until assistant referee Jean Sexton dashed into the kitchens, cooked the potatoes herself and delivered them to Miss Navratilova in the dressing room. The champion gulped them down and was back out on court in less than 15 minutes. Wimbledon's reputation for making sure everything runs smoothly, was preserved.

you. Suppose we offered you second spot on the ticket?"

"You just selected Bentsen. How are you going to put me on the ticket?"

"We're not talking about our ticket. We're talking about George Bush's ticket. He's still looking for a running mate, and you would make a fine candidate."

"Why would George want me on his ticket?"

"Because you've proven yourself a vote getter and a electrifying speaker. You could tear down the house in New Orleans if George announced you as his running mate. Don't forget — it's either Dole or Jack Kemp or you. You're by far the best man."

"I don't want to be Bush's running mate."

"Then what do you want?"

Jackson said, "I'll shut up if you give me Dukakis' snow blower."

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The Art Buchwald Column

The big deal

Jesse said, "I want my own TV show on prime time, and if Dukakis is elected I get to give the State of the Union speech to Congress."

"No problem with that."

"I would also like to use the White House tennis court tomorrow."

"Jesse, we can't ask President Reagan to let you use the White House courts."

Jesse said, "I knew you people weren't serious about wanting to make up with me. OK, I have another demand. When Dukakis meets with Gorbachev I get in the picture."

"Sure, Jesse. It will just be the three of you."

"But I don't want Bentsen in the picture. He

took my job. I could have been a contender if it hadn't been for him."

"That's why we're trying to make it up to you. But this pact not only requires you to be nice to Dukakis but also to Bentsen."

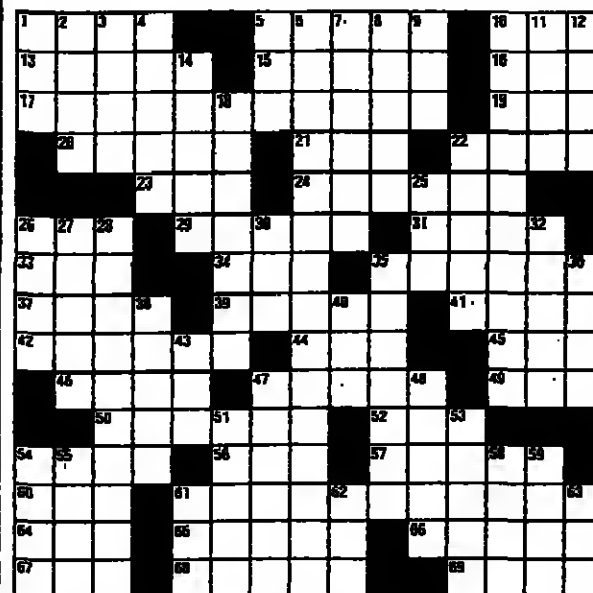
"If that's the case, I'm going to up my demands. I'm not making an agreement unless I get a stretch limousine to take me to the Atlanta airport."

"We can't agree to that. Mike Dukakis goes to and from the airport on a city bus, and he would have a fit if he knew he was paying for your limo."

"You owe me a lot for not telling me when Dukakis chose his VP."

"Jesse, we have a proposal to make it up to

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠9532 ♥AQ93 ♦Q82 ♣73
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Dbl ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Although your chances of a 4-4 major fit are slight in view of East's double, we still think one heart is the right bid. If West declares, your bid will help partner get off to the right lead; if East declares, partner will be advised of your concentration of strength.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠A532 ♥Q932 ♦Q82 ♣73
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Dbl ?

What do you bid now?

A.—The odds of wanting to play a major-suit contract are poor, and this time you have no clear preference for a lead—partner's best suit should be right. Therefore, there is no point to bidding one of your majors. Our choice would be one no trump.

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠83 ♥AQJ6 ♦954 ♣KJ63
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ 1 ♠
1 NT Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Had there been no overcall, you would have raised to two no trump, to cater to the possibility

that North might have a dead minimum opening bid. But when he bids freely over the interference, he must be better than minimum. Under the circumstances, you should jump to three no trump.

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠Q984 ♥4 ♦K762 ♣843
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ 1 ♥ 2 ♠
2 ♠ Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—What a pity you weren't playing negative doubles—that would have been the ideal action over one heart. Despite the fact that you haven't promised all that much, partner has elected to move toward game. The double fit improves your hand enormously. We like an aggressive leap to four spades.

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠873 ♥AJ1032 ♦A6 ♣K54
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
1 NT Pass 2 ♥ Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—North has a better than minimum raise to two hearts—since he must have three hearts on this auction, he would have raised directly with a dead minimum. However, you have nothing to spare for your opening, so unless partner has grossly underbid, you are high enough. Pass.

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠873 ♥AJ1032 ♦A2 ♣K54
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 3 ♥ Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—This is a matter of style. If you play that a two-over-one response creates a game force, do your duty by simply going on to four hearts. If you play more old-fashioned methods, when partner's bid is only invitational, you should pass. You have a rock-bottom minimum and partner is promising only 11-12 points.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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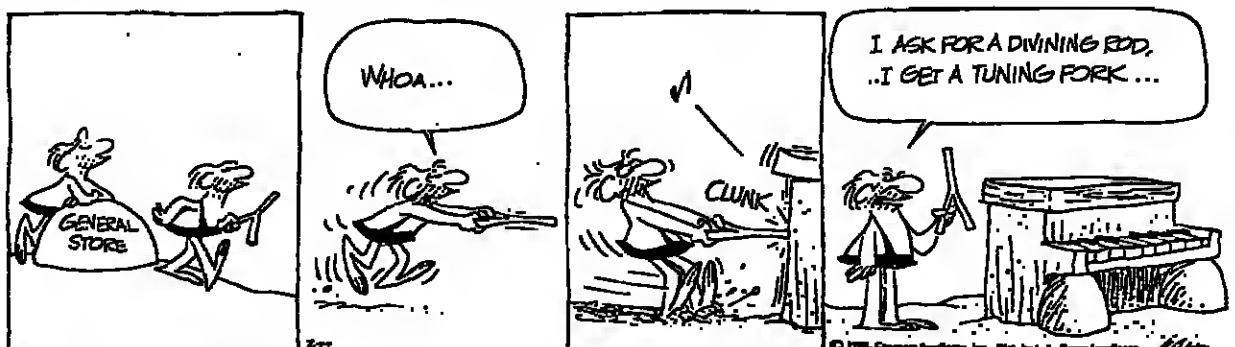
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By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will be able to deal with a rather confusing situation. Do not allow yourself to be discouraged. Nor should you permit yourself to become engulfed in negative thoughts. Be sensible.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will find it easier to be methodical. Your charm will get you further than of late. You should show a little more goodwill towards others. Be generous.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

Not everything will be quite to your liking but you will know how to make the best of it. If you try you will be able to see the silver lining too. Make sure you do not get into a muddle. Be reasonable.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

There will be some tensions to overcome but if you try hard you will succeed in doing so. You should try not to let anyone or anything interfere with your freedom of action. You will be able to get a lot more done than you thought possible. Be objective.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will tend to become rather bored with your own company. You should beware of spending more than you know you can afford. You should not make a promise you will find it difficult to keep. Be receptive.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You should not allow your attitudes to be dominated by spite and resentment. Something you had anticipated will come about more rapidly than you had thought. You must make sure you do not lose sight of your objectives. Be dependable.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You should not be quite so prepared to look on the bleak side, on the contrary. A good idea of yours will make all the difference. You should not however think you are the only one with good ideas. Be resilient.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You should do all you can to avoid getting into any sort of argument. It would be wrong for you to take everything at its face value. Try to look beneath the surface and further than meets the eye. Be respectful.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Something you had feared will happen will not. However something you had hoped would happen will not either. You should not rely on bluff and deception to get your way. Be frank.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

This is going to be a busy day for you and you must concentrate on what you are doing. You should be willing to listen to and act on good advice. Avoid being quite so negative. Be responsive.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Good intentions on their own are not enough you should make them into deed. Something you have been contemplating will now become practicable. You should try to avoid dissipating your energies. Be cordial.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

This is going to be an interesting day for you but you will have to be very much on your guard against accidents. You should not allow your emotions to get the upper-hand. Make sure you do not give away any secrets. Be loyal.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Japan's trade surplus rises for first time in 15 months

TOKYO, Aug 10, (Reuters): Japan's trade surplus in July, announced today, rose for the first time in 15 months and economists said it could be a sign the country's booming economy was cooling.

The sudden upturn, with the balance rising to \$7.18 billion from 6.94 billion in July last year, caught many economists off guard.

"We were surprised," one economist said. "We had expected the overall trade figure to be down at least \$1 billion."

Several economists said especially significant was July's slower growth of imports, which seems to indicate the Japanese economy is cooling, at least in the short term.

Growth Imports, rising recently at a rate of 30 per cent a month, grew only 23.1 per cent to \$15.95 billion. But exports continued their strong growth, gaining 16.2 per cent to \$23.13 billion.

"Imports depend much on the trend of the economy as a whole," said Soichi Eokyo, an economist at Bank of Tokyo. "But we should have only short-term sluggishness as Japan's economy itself is good and strong."

"The economy should soon return to its former brisk course," he said, adding the latest data were only a reaction to the intense economic activity during the previous quarters.

Enkyo predicts Japan's gross national product will grow more than five per cent this financial year, which ends next March 31.

Until a few months ago most economists had put the figure at around four per cent.

Enkyo also said it was important Japan maintain its policies which support domestic demand so the economy will continue to grow.

If domestic consumer and corporate demand begin to wane, manufacturers could renew their export drive, possibly harming international relations, he added.

Although July's surplus and exports were up, Japan's trade focus was not on the United States but on Europe and Southeast Asia, economists noted.

The sensitive surplus with the United States narrowed to \$4.49 billion in July from 4.79 billion a year earlier.

Exports to the United States only grew four per cent due mainly to sluggish shipments of cars due to inventory adjustments by American dealers, said senior economist James Vestal at Baring Securities (Japan).

Inventories "At the beginning of the summer, there was a huge pile up of inventories," Vestal said.

He also said Tokyo's trade surplus with Washington should continue to decline. "We might get a couple of nasty months with imports going up, but the long-term trend is down."

Japan's surplus with the European Economic Community rose to \$1.97 billion from 1.53 billion a year earlier, while its gap with Southeast Asia gained to 1.73 billion from 1.49 billion.

World Bank ready to expand lending

NEW YORK, Aug 10: "Fiscal 1988 was an excellent year for the World Bank," Ernest Stern, senior vice president for finance, said in New York on July 14. He cited approval of a capital increase which raised the bank's total authorised capital of \$171.4 billion, a net income of \$1 billion, and increasingly cost-effective and growing access to international markets, according to World Bank News.

"These results," he said, "provide a very strong basis for the planned expansion by 10 per cent a year of the bank's lending to over \$20 billion a year by the early 1990s."

The bank's net income for FY1988, which ended on June 30, was \$1,004 billion, compared with last year's \$1,113 billion. When added to reserves, the net income will bring the bank's total reserves to \$8.5 billion.

The World Bank completed its \$10.8 billion multi-currency borrowing programme at an average cost of 6.7 per cent. The bank also saved \$476 million from refinancings totalling \$4.4 billion equivalent of earlier higher coupon borrowings.

Largely because of these savings, the bank was able to lower its lending rate twice in FY1988. The lending rate now stands at 7.59 per cent for the six months beginning July 1, 1988. This rate is the lowest since the pool-based lending rate system began in July 1982.

Move to raise oil prices

Venezuela seeks new OPEC accords

CARACAS, Aug 10, (Reuters): Venezuela's new energy minister said today that a Gulf war ceasefire would open the way for the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to overcome differences and establish steady oil prices at higher levels.

"We now have a much more propitious atmosphere to reach agreements that permit us to establish a far more balanced situation for oil than that which we have had in previous years," Energy Minister Julio Cesar Gil said.

Opportunity "Oil prices are like a yo-yo," Gil told reporters. "We want to achieve market accords the market sees as credible... and then prices will be strengthened."

He said a jump in the oil prices on Monday showed the market had already perceived the (OPEC) was advancing towards

unity after the United Nations announced the ceasefire agreement.

"OPEC members now have an opportunity to surmount problems that exist within the organisation and have prevented us from arriving at reliable accords," he told reporters.

Gil forecast that Venezuela's average oil prices could rise from an average so far this year of about \$14 per barrel to between \$14.50 and 15.50 a barrel for all of 1988.

Gil's predecessor Arturo Hernandez Grisanti, a former OPEC president, blamed the Gulf Arab states last year for producing a glut above OPEC-set output levels, causing prices to fall below the target of \$18 a barrel.

In July, a Reuters survey estimated OPEC production at an 11-month high of 18.98 million barrels per day (BPD), well above its own ceiling of

15.06 million BPD. The organisation said that increased production by Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait and the UAE caused the surplus.

Iraq has ignored OPEC's production quota for the past two years, refusing any limit other than parity with Iran's 2.369 million BPD. Iran has repeatedly refused this request, most recently at OPEC's last full conference in June.

Ties Petroleum analysts said that Gil wanted to mend ties with divided members of the organisation and forge new OPEC accords with Gulf Arab states in a bid to raise oil prices.

"We will have a policy of becoming closer to OPEC Arab states to coincide more and reach agreements," he said.

"Gil will try to heal the wounds with the Arab states," Jose Suarez Nunez, editor of the

Venezuelan oil journal Petrofinanzas, told Reuters. "He will prefer quiet lobbying over (the) emotional speeches made by his predecessor."

"The new minister is coming with the dice in his favour," said Clive Bashleigh, a Caracas oil consultant. "For the first time since 1980, OPEC won't have two principals (Iran and Iraq) that are at war with each other."

Quota The United Arab Emirates repudiated its quota of 948,000 BPD in June and authorised production of up to 1.5 million barrels per day. Gil said on Monday that the UAE may change its mind after OPEC Secretary-General Subroto visited there late last month.

Caracas clashed with Kuwait in June over types of extra-light hydrocarbons to include in OPEC quotas. Hernandez Grisanti also rebuffed Saudi

Arabia and its Gulf Arab allies for blocking a pioneering accord in April between OPEC and non-OPEC countries that would have set reduced crude output levels.

Gil said he wanted to launch a fresh drive for such a pact, but only after the organisation could reach its own accord. Venezuela — a founding member of OPEC — says it abides by its quota of 1.571 million barrels per day.

Gil was Venezuela's deputy energy minister for the last two years, having also served as senior economist for the OPEC secretariat and Venezuela's petroleum attaché in Washington.

Gil said he wants continued warm relations with the United States, which buys about half of Venezuela's exports of 1.52 million barrels per day. Venezuela continued supplying oil to the United States during the 1973 Arab oil embargo.

Kuwait companies to expand business ties with Iraq

Economic recovery hopes soar

By Jadranka Porter

KUWAIT'S factories currently working at a drastically reduced capacity are hoping to resume maximum production once the massive reconstruction effort in Iraq and Iran is set into motion.

The two countries that have been at war for nearly eight years have agreed on a ceasefire as a first step towards talks expected to lead to a permanent peace.

The news has injected Kuwait's business community with fresh hopes for economic recovery in the country but is particularly welcomed by companies which have hung onto business by the skin of their teeth in anticipation of an early end to the Iraq-Iran conflict.

Kuwait's economists point out that companies which were represented in Iraq before the war would be among the first to resume the business ties with that country.

M.A. Khurafi, Kuwait's lead-

ing manufacturer of pre-fabricated houses, who relied on the Iraqi government as its biggest customer in the pre-war period, are casting a hopeful eye in the direction of Kuwait's northern neighbour.

The company first began delivering pre-fabricated houses to Iraq in 1974/75. "We supplied the whole of Iraq from Basra to Mosul," said Hassan Hauda, the acting factory manager, recalling the good times.

In the late 1970s the factory reached peak production turning out 15 portakabins a day for the Iraqi market. Japanese firms in Iraq were also treasured clients.

Today, the same factory which has the capacity to produce 20 medium size portakabins, manufactures one every two days. "In the last three to four years the business has shrunk to one tenth of what it used to be in the late 1970s," said Hauda.

The mobile cabins are used for offices and accommodation at

construction sites and can be obtained at up to KD 100 per square metre. "A 12 metre long and 4.8 metre wide cabin costs about KD 2,000," says Hauda.

The production was reduced to a trickle after Iraq entered the second year of the war and recession hit Kuwait. Over the years the factory which is now in the red was forced to reduce its workforce from 300 to the current 100.

But the management believes that the worst is over. "We only hope that peace is achieved soon," said Taha Arafat, the financial manager.

Contracts The company has renewed its contacts in Iraq and Arafat plans to send a group of salesmen there to discuss details.

He will also try to push some of the locally produced as well as imported construction materials such as cement, aluminium, steel and lumber. He says stocks can be built up in a month or two and he is eagerly waiting for the

demand to pick up. When the action will start is not known yet but Hauda believes it may take another three years before the business is restored to its previous levels.

Plans Arafat's plans for expansion also include Iran, which if he is successful, would be a new market for the company.

"If there is genuine peace there is no reason why we should not do business in Iran. They are still our brothers," says Arafat.

Instead of sending salesmen to Iran he intends to place advertisements in Iranian papers to promote his company.

He admits that if he was to do business in Iran he would have to face competition from Dubai. "But if it is only a matter of competition then we can succeed. We can match their quality, quantity and deadlines," he says.

M.A. Khurafi also runs a factory for pre-fabricated houses in Saudi Arabia.

Britain unable to accept Kuwait offer to limit BP share

LONDON, Aug 10, (Reuters): Kuwait pledged today not to raise its 21.68 per cent stake in oil giant British Petroleum Co. PLC (BP) but the British government said it could not accept the undertaking while an inquiry into the holding was going on. The London-based Kuwait Investment Office (KIO) signed legally binding deeds which oil analysts said effectively promised not to mount a takeover of Britain's biggest oil company.

But Britain — which last May launched a Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) investigation to judge whether KIO's stake was against public interests — said legal technicalities prevented acceptance of the covenant during an inquiry.

Probe "The undertaking cannot be received during a probe because it might influence the report," said a Trade and Industry Department spokesman.

Industry sources said the Gulf state, one of OPEC's most powerful members, sought to assuage fears by BP and government officials that it was interested in a takeover of BP or control of the company's board.

Concern grew in Britain after Kuwait began snapping up cheap BP stock after its share price collapsed in the October stock market crash. The crash coincided with the British government's decision to sell off its remaining 31.5 per cent stake in BP.

Kuwait had already assured the government it would limit its involvement in BP and a formal document bolstered its case, oil analysts said.

The deeds on Tuesday agreed out to increase KIO's holding or voting power of more than 14.9 per cent of BP stock. KIO also agreed not to block any board appointments proposed by BP and said it would not seek a directorship itself.

Should Kuwait sell any shares it will over to future buy more than 20 per cent of the company, it added.

Citibank strengthens NRI business

CITIBANK has been in the forefront of the Non-Resident Indian (NRI) business in Kuwait. Jolly Zachariah, Personal Account Manager, has been devoted exclusively to service the needs of NRIs in Kuwait. For this he visits Kuwait regularly.

Harit Talwar, regional sales manager and assistant vice-president from Citibank, Bombay is currently visiting Kuwait. He said: "The NRI community in Kuwait is very important to us. Towards that end, we have increased our commitment to the Kuwait NRIs by devoting yet another Personal Account Manager, Sanjay Sondhi, to look after the needs of NRIs in Kuwait. We thus have a team of two account managers for our Kuwait business."

Attractive Talwar added: "The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently made certain changes to the popular FCNR schemes for NRIs. There are broadly three changes: 'Earlier, the interest rates on US dollars and pound sterling were the same. Now there are differential interest rates, and the higher pound sterling interest rates match very favourably with the international sterling interest rates. The FCNR scheme has been



Sanjay Sondhi

expanded to include yen and Deutsche mark deposits too in addition to the existing US dollar and pound sterling deposits.

"Short-term deposits of 6 months have been particularly attractive by increasing the interest rates significantly. Of course the interest rates for long term deposits have also been increased."

When asked to interpret these changes, Talwar said: "These are very significant changes. Firstly, they reflect the country's strong continued commitment to the NRI business. It shows the RBI is willing to make significant changes to reflect the market sen-

timent and the international economic environment which the NRIs live and operate in."

"The NRI investor feels he should not place his entire hard earned savings in US dollars but also place some part of his savings in other strong currencies too. Indian rupee clearly is not an attractive option, given exchange devaluation. Thus the RBI has opened doors for pound sterling, Japanese yen and Deutsche mark — with the same powerful message — whatever the currency the NRI wishes to invest in, India provides the highest returns available — in US dollar, pound sterling, Deutsche mark and yen," Talwar said.

He said: "Our commitment to NRI business continues to be very strong. We provide to the NRIs the best of both the worlds — the Indian interest rates that are unparalleled (upto 11.34 per cent on US\$, upto 13.62 per cent on DM and upto 17.92 per cent on the rupee deposits, all totally tax free and fully repatriable) and the expertise and benefits of the world's leading bank."

He added: "The Deutsche mark is a particularly attractive currency to invest in. It has been undervalued for quite some time and is now on the upswing, strengthening once again. Therefore

although the interest rates are 6.25 per cent to 6.75 per cent for one to three year deposits given the commonly expected exchange appreciation of the DM against the US\$ the net 5 returns on a DM deposit could be much higher than the interest rate on US dollar deposits."

Increase Zachariah said: "The increase in the six-month deposit rates is quite exciting." Earlier NRIs kept money in India for long term and short term outside India at lower rates, because Indian rates for six-month deposits were not very attractive. Now with six-month dollar and pound sterling rates being 9 per cent and 11.25 per cent respectively, NRIs are keeping short-term money too in India and with Citibank we assure our customers that funds can be repatriated back to Kuwait or anywhere else within 72 hours through us."

Sondhi said: "We have recently expanded our correspondent banking network in India. We have tied up with nationalised banks and can transfer funds for NRIs not only in the cities where we have branches, but in a large number of other towns as well."

For further consultations, Zachariah and Sondhi are available at Kuwait Sheraton Hotel, Tel. 2422055.

Fed tries to dampen inflation by hiking bank lending rate

WASHINGTON, Aug 10, (AP): The Federal Reserve Board, in a move to fight inflation, said it was boosting its key bank lending rate for the first time in nearly a year. Analysts said other interest rates likely would head higher as a result.

With only three months left before the presidential election, the board members, all appointed by President Ronald Reagan, on Tuesday sent a dramatic signal that they were willing to push up interest rates to dampen inflationary pressures even at the risk of endangering Vice-President George Bush's presidential aspirations.

Rates The increase in the discount rate, to 6.5 per cent from 5 per cent, was adopted by a 6-0 vote and took effect immediately. It was the first change since Sept. 4 and put the rate at its highest in more than two years.

Economists said jumps in other interest rates, including those on mortgage rates and credit cards, are likely to follow. "This will hit consumer pockets fairly soon," said David Jones, an economist with Aubrey G. Lanston, a government securities dealer in New York.

He said banks likely will raise their prime rate, the interest they charge their most creditworthy commercial customers, this week or next.

Investors, particularly foreign investors, have been sceptical that the Federal Reserve would have the stomach to make such a move with the presidential election on the line.

However, with this increase, Jones said: "I think the Fed proved beyond any reasonable doubt that it does have a backbone and that it is willing to fight inflation even in an election year."

At the White House, presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the administration was disappointed with the increase, but he refrained from criticising Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan.

"We're always disappointed when interest rates go up, but we understand there is a reason for it," Fitzwater told reporters. "We think the Federal Reserve has done a good job... We think the Fed's on the right course."

Support Bush, campaigning in Pennsylvania, echoed Fitzwater's remarks.

"I support what the Fed does and did. Sometimes there has to be some fine-tuning because you want growth, but you don't want it with excessive inflation, and therefore the Federal Reserve Board sometimes has to tighten up and sometimes they loosen up," Bush said.

Elf Aquitaine considers Italian oil expansion

EDMONTON, Alberta, Aug 10, (Reuters): Elf Aquitaine is considering another round of expansion at the Rospo Mare heavy oil field off Italy's Adriatic coast, the company's deputy director of research and development said yesterday.

Elf's Italian subsidiary will drill at least one appraisal well and conduct extensive seismic tests this year to evaluate new areas of the field, which is already the largest in Italy, Jacques Bosio told Reuters.

If the tests are successful, and oil prices remain stable, Bosio said Elf and its Italian oil partner Agip could begin a third phase of development drilling in the field in 1989.

Elf Italiana has a 61.7 per cent stake in the field with Agip holding the remainder.

Cost Bosio would not speculate on the cost of the expansion which would likely involve the drilling of five or six new wells.

The development budget for

the second phase of the project, however, which involved the drilling of five wells and installation of the production equipment in 1986, was approximately \$130 million.

"The field covers an estimated area of 45,000 acres (18,200 hectares) and the wells drilled to date only about 12,000 acres (4856 hectares) though there is room for many other production zones," Bosio said.

"However, it will depend to some extent on oil prices, the heavy oil production from the field is already sold at a discount of about 30 per cent from the official OPEC price."

Rospo Mare is the only oil field in the world producing almost entirely from horizontally-drilled wells.

Unlike conventional, vertical wells punched into oil formations at a 90-degree angle, horizontal wells snake through oil zones parallel to the surface, reaching more of an oil reservoir and increasing production.

World Business Summary

Junger ordered to pay compensation to VW

BRUNSWICK, West Germany, Aug 10, (Reuters): A West German court has ordered the former head of foreign exchange carmaker Volkswagen AG to pay 10 million marks (\$5.2 million) in compensation for his role in a currency fraud. Labour court president Erwin Schulz-Behrendt told Reuters today that Bernhard "Bobby" Junger had been told to pay the compensation in connection with the currency swindle which cost VW 480 million marks (\$252 million). Junger's former deputy at VW, Lutz Quaquil, was ordered to pay five million marks (\$2.6 million) in compensation. Schulz-Behrendt, who presided over the trial on Tuesday, said Junger was released in June on one million marks (\$526,000) bail after spending more than a year in detention. He and Quaquil took legal action against VW after being sacked without notice when the fraud came to light in March, 1987. VW responded with a legal counter move and demanded compensation from the two men. Schulz-Behrendt said the court still had to deal with Junger's and Quaquil's charges. They have alleged that VW's workers' council was not informed in time of the dismissals, making the firings illegal. Manfred Pilgrim, head of VW's legal department, described the compensation as "first payments due to the company." "We consider the compensation to be realistic. However, should we learn that the two (Junger and Quaquil) have more funds at their disposal, we will consider taking further steps," Pilgrim said. Volkswagen said last year the fraud had involved hedging against currency movements at a time when the dollar was higher than at present and that documents about the hedging operation were probably falsified. Hedging is often used by large international companies to protect against exchange rate fluctuations that may affect their business. In hedging operations they contract to buy and sell currencies at a future date at an agreed price.

Dubai merchants expect trade upturn with Iran

DUBAI, Aug 10, (Reuters): Iran's trade with Dubai looks set to grow with the end of the Gulf war and demand for Iranian ryals has soared, bankers and merchants said today. "The outlook is good after eight years of conflict and people are rushing to take advantage," Graham Thewlis of the Union Bank of the Middle East told Reuters. Bankers said this entreaty centre, which kept close ties to Tehran throughout the war, is well-placed to benefit from Iran's reconstruction. Dubai's re-exports in Iran, mostly food, consumer goods and machinery, reached 1.3 billion dirhams (\$354 million) in 1987, the highest level since the war began in 1980. The rial was trading today at 76 to the dirham after doubling in value in the past week and quadrupling since early July. The sudden increase, fuelled by euphoria over the apparent end of the war, has temporarily disrupted trade as merchants wait for prices to settle or try to make quick killings. Bankers said some merchants seemed too optimistic and cautioned that it could take months for trade, mostly carried by about 150 miles across the Gulf, to pick up significantly. "People are dreaming of a boom but they must have patience," said souk merchant Saleh Mohammed. He said Iran may not be able to afford a sudden influx of imports and needed time to rebuild its export industries. Dubai imported goods worth 486 million dirhams (\$132 million) from Iran last year, most of it food and manufactured items. Trade volume with Iran, Dubai's top re-export market, fluctuated widely throughout the war because Iran frequently altered import restrictions. Trade dropped sharply at the end of last year as Iran clamped new import curbs and reduced passenger flights in Dubai, but bankers said a recovery had begun in the last few months. "Dubai has a big Iranian merchant class and the most efficient ports in the Gulf," one said. "Trade can only go up in the long term."

Proposal to raise Nigerian power tariff rejected

LAGOS, Aug 10, (OPECNA): The Nigerian government has rejected a tariff increase by the National Electric Power Authority (NEPA), Minister of Mines, Power and Steel Alhaji Bunu Sheriff Musa has announced. Speaking to the first triennial delegates conference of the NEPA senior staff association, Bunu said that the government rejected the proposal on the ground that it would adversely affect consumers. But he stressed that the government would assist the authority in cushioning the effect the current low tariff was having on operations. "I must state that all necessary support will be provided to ensure prompt implementation of the new commercial structure of NEPA to fulfil the government's aspirations in the new dispensation," he said. He added that the authority's new status should be reflected in the remunerations of its staff and general measures to improve morale. NEPA general manager David Oyeleye pointed out that the new organisational structure would consider the qualifications, background and aptitude of staff before deployment. The authority, he said, would embark on intensive training programmes to meet the challenges of today's modern technology. Meanwhile, president of the senior staff association M.A. Odeina urged the government to effect the commercialisation of the authority without delay.

Prospects for poor nations' development 'not encouraging'

VIENNA, Aug 10, (OPECNA): Prospects for future development in the world's poorest states do not appear encouraging, Dr Seyyid Abdullah, director-general of the OPEC Fund for International Development, said here. But he added that the situation could improve if there were fewer protectionist measures in the industrialised world and more equitable terms of trade. Speaking in an interview with the West German Deutsche Welle television network, Abdullah said the tendency in rush emergency relief to developing countries in times of crisis and back off as soon as the critical point is crossed, is doing little to improve the lot of the affected countries. "It is leaving some of the countries even poorer," he pointed out. Abdullah said it would be better to make it possible for developing countries to earn their keep via free trade, rather than placing obstacles in the way of trade and falling back on development aid, emergency aid or not. "Developed countries would best aid developing countries by making it possible for the latter to produce and sell, rather than subsidising their own developed countries' production and depressing market prices," he declared. "When developing countries cannot earn foreign exchange, they in turn cannot purchase the manufactures of the industrialised countries. And this depresses the global economy," Abdullah stressed.

Oil prices to improve further

JAKARTA, Aug 10, (OPECNA): Indonesian Minister of Mines and Energy Ginasudjar Kartasasmita expects improvement in oil prices during the fourth quarter of this year. He noted that during winter, oil demand in industrialised countries increases. He said, however, that OPEC producers alike should cut their production by a combined total of about one million BPD. Elaborating, he said that what was needed was cutting back on oil production and not on production levels. Speaking to journalists here on Tuesday, the minister said that with the cutback the price improvement would only occur gradually as stocks held by industrialised countries had reached their highest level since 1982. According to Ginasudjar, prices could be influenced by psychological factors. He warned that such a situation would only last for a day or two as prices would soon again be determined by the fundamental factors of supply and demand.

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| PPR | 37/4 | 37/5 |
| S | 13/0 | 13/1 |
| K CO | 25/4 | 25/4 |
| H CO | 54/2 | 54/5 |

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|-------|-------|-------------|------|------|-------------|-------|-------|
| 5/2 | 48/3 | MORGAN JAP | 36/4 | 36/4 | SEALED AIR | 43/2 | 43/2 |
| 0 | 5/2 | MORT TITO | 38/3 | 38/5 | SEARS ROE | 36/0 | 36/2 |
| 1 | 10 | MOTOROLA | 44/5 | 45/2 | SERV CORP | 19/5 | 19/6 |
| 3/3 | 3/4 | MRSN-MCLEN | 53/1 | 53/1 | SA STH PAC | 19/1 | 19/0 |
| 10/0 | 51/3 | MURPHT OIL | 32/4 | 32/6 | SMNSN SUET | 23/2 | 23/4 |
| 61/4 | 40/7 | NAT INTERG | 15/5 | 15/4 | SHELL TRAN | 72/0 | 72/6 |
| 0/7 | 11/0 | NBI CORP | 3/4 | 3/4 | SHER PLOU | 51/5 | 51/6 |
| 0 | 8/6 | NCR CORP | 56/6 | 56/7 | SMITH INT | 9/0 | 9/1 |
| 0 | 31/7 | NEU GEN EL | 23/2 | 23/1 | SMITH REC | 47/0 | 47/2 |
| 19/0 | 48/7 | NEW PLA RE | 0 | 14/6 | SNAP ON TC | 34/6 | 34/6 |
| 77/3 | 77/3 | NEWMELL CO | 45/0 | 45/1 | SOURCE CAP | 0 | 38/3 |
| 70/6 | 51/0 | NEWMONT MI | 38/0 | 37/6 | SOUTHERN | 21/6 | 21/7 |
| 20/1 | 20/1 | NEWMONT GLD | 37/0 | 37/1 | SPAIN FUND | 11/2 | 11/3 |
| 23/0 | 23/1 | NI MOH-70 | 0 | 59/4 | SPERRY | 14/0 | 13/6 |
| 34/3 | 34/4 | NI MOH-72 | 0 | 76/0 | SQUARE O | 50/6 | 51/0 |
| 0 | 76/0 | NICOLET IN | 11/1 | 11/2 | SQUIBB | | |
| 37/7 | 37/7 | NICOR INC | 30/2 | 30/5 | STONE CONT | 34/5 | 34/7 |
| 2/3 | 2/4 | NL INDS | 6/6 | 6/7 | SUN CO | 56/7 | 57/14 |
| 12 | 11 | NOBLE AFF | 12/1 | 12/1 | SUNOSTRAND | 52/0 | 52/0 |
| 12/2 | 12/2 | NORD RESOU | 11/0 | 11/0 | SUNSH MIN | 4/2 | 4/2 |
| 46/5 | 47/2 | NORTHCORP | 30/1 | 30/0 | SUPER VAL | 21/3 | 21/4 |
| 60/3 | 60/3 | NORTON | 48/1 | 48/2 | SOUTHWEST | 17/1 | 17/0 |
| 14/4 | 14/5 | NOVO IND | 34/4 | 32/4 | SW GAS | 21/2 | 21/2 |
| 25/5 | 25/5 | NUCOR CORP | 44/6 | 44/6 | SUN BELL | 37/4 | 37/3 |
| 56/6 | 56/6 | OAC INDS | 1/1 | 1/0 | TANDY CORP | 41/6 | 42/0 |
| 30/7 | 30/7 | OCC PETROCR | 26/1 | 26/2 | TDK | 76/0 | 76/2 |
| 21/2 | 21/2 | OCEAN ORIL | 16/4 | 16/4 | TECO ENERG | 22/2 | 22/2 |
| 15/0 | 15/1 | ODGEN CORP | 27/1 | 27/3 | TEKTRONIX | 22/5 | 22/6 |
| 2/5 | 42/3 | OH ED CO | 18/1 | 18/3 | TELETYPE | 324/4 | 325/0 |
| 28/7 | 28/7 | OHIO MATT | 13/0 | 13/0 | TELEX CORP | 0 | 49/0 |
| 15/4 | 15/5 | OLIN CORP | 46/2 | 46/3 | TERADYNE | 15/5 | 16/0 |
| 51/1 | 51/1 | OMNICARE | 8/1 | 8/2 | TESORO PET | 9/6 | 9/5 |
| 26/7 | 26/7 | ORION PICT | 14/7 | 15/1 | TEK AMER B | 1/2 | 1/3 |
| 25/0 | 25/0 | PAINE WEL | 15/6 | 15/7 | TEK EAS TR | 25/3 | 25/4 |
| 40/6 | 40/6 | PAN AM | 2/5 | 2/5 | TEXACO | 46/5 | 46/7 |
| 21/5 | 21/5 | PARKHANDLE | 25/3 | 25/3 | TEXAS INST | 35/3 | 35/1 |
| 36/1 | 36/2 | PARK ELEC | 0 | 20/1 | TEXAS INST | 41/5 | 41/5 |
| 69/5 | 69/5 | PARKER ORI | 4/1 | 4/1 | THOMSON MEO | 24/0 | 24/0 |
| 36/7 | 36/7 | PATRICK PSH | 4/1 | 4/1 | TIGERWATER | 6/5 | 6/5 |
| 32/6 | 32/6 | PATYSS CSE | 26/6 | 26/6 | TIGER INT | 13/5 | 13/6 |
| 35/5 | 35/5 | PULLMAN CO | 9/0 | 9/0 | TIMKEN | 68/1 | 68/0 |
| 55/2 | 55/3 | PC INDS-96 | 0 | 88/0 | TORCHMARK | 31/3 | 31/5 |
| 37/7 | 140/7 | PENN CENTR | 21/5 | 21/5 | TOSCO | 3/0 | 3/1 |
| 14/4 | 14/4 | PENNMALT | 77/1 | 77/2 | TOYS R US | 36/3 | 36/5 |
| 17/6 | 17/5 | PENNZOIL | 72/2 | 72/4 | TRANSAMER | 33/3 | 33/5 |
| 24/0 | 24/0 | PEOPLES EN | 19/7 | 19/6 | TRANSCO EN | 34/1 | 34/2 |
| 26/7 | 27/0 | PEPSICO | 35/4 | 35/6 | TRANSCO EX | 6/1 | 6/1 |
| 24/6 | 24/6 | PFIZER | 50/2 | 50/3 | TRAVELLERS | 35/0 | 35/0 |
| 0 | 167/1 | PHIELPS DOD | 38/7 | 39/0 | TRINITY IN | 31/2 | 31/2 |
| 64/6 | 64/6 | PHILLIP MOR | 90/5 | 91/1 | TRW CORP | 18/1 | 18/1 |
| 36/0 | 36/0 | PHILLIPS PE | 17/7 | 17/2 | TRANSWORLD | 35/3 | 35/3 |
| 50/6 | 50/6 | PILLSBURY | 38/1 | 38/3 | UAL CORP | 19/0 | 94/4 |
| 24/5 | 24/5 | PINNACLE U | 23/1 | 23/0 | UTD BRAND | 15/5 | 15/2 |
| 121/5 | 121/5 | PITTS-BOKES | 43/5 | 43/5 | UNITED TECH | 30/0 | 36/7 |
| 33/5 | 33/5 | PITTSBURG | 15/2 | 15/5 | UNILEVER | 53/2 | 54/2 |
| 6/5 | 6/5 | ROLARDO | 41/1 | 41/3 | UNION CAMP | 34/2 | 34 |

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| 3/35 | 33/5 | PULTE HOME | 7/7 | 8/0 | VALLEY INDL | 2/5 | 2/5 |
| 10/4 | 80/4 | QUAKER OAT | 51/1 | 50/5 | VARCO INTL | 3/4 | 3/4 |
| 32/7 | 33/4 | QUAKER COR | 20/2 | 20/2 | VARIAN ASS | 28/5 | 28/5 |
| 17/16 | 17/6 | QUANTUM CN | 93/4 | 93/7 | V PNT PEPP | 34/0 | 34/1 |
| 0 | 29/4 | RALIS PURIN | 76/3 | 76/5 | WALMART CO | 6/1 | 6/0 |
| 28/2 | 28/2 | RANDA INN | 8/4 | 8/5 | WAL INC | 31/2 | 31/4 |
| 56/2 | 56/0 | RANGER OIL | 5/3 | 5/3 | WALGREEN | 30/7 | 30/7 |
| 35/2 | 35/4 | RAYCHEM | 42/3 | 44/3 | WARNER COR | 34/2 | 34/4 |
| 21/5 | 21/4 | RAYMACK | 4/6 | 4/5 | WARNER LAM | 72/0 | 72/1 |
| 37/3 | 37/5 | RAYTHEON | 67/1 | 67/1 | WASH MAN | 35/6 | 36/0 |
| 17/1 | 17/1 | REGAL INTL | 0 | 0 | WASH GAS L | 24/6 | 25/0 |
| 1/2 | 41/3 | REYNOLDE M | 67/2 | 49/5 | WENDY INTL | 5/6 | 5/7 |
| 3/1 | 33/4 | RJR NABISC | 50/2 | 50/2 | WEST CO | 15/0 | 14/6 |
| 6/1 | 16/2 | ROCKES G-E | 17/1 | 17/2 | WESTINGHSE | 51/7 | 52/2 |
| 2/4 | 12/5 | ROCKAWAY C | 9/7 | 10/0 | WILLIAMS C | 30/0 | 30/0 |

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| 9/6 | 50/0 | HUNTINGTON | 75/2 | 29/4 | HUNTERBAUGH | 10/2 | 0/2 |
| 9/8 | 73/4 | ROLLINS INC | 16/4 | 16/4 | MILW-OTIIE | 35/0 | 35/0 |
| 9/8 | 74/0 | ROLLINS IN | 17/1 | 17/0 | WINNBERG | 48/5 | 48/5 |
| 1/5 | 31/5 | RORER GRP | 35/1 | 35/4 | WORLDCORP | 0 | 6/6 |
| 1/5 | 70/4 | ROMAN COMP | 6/7 | 7/0 | WRIGLEY | 34/4 | 35/0 |
| 8/2 | 18/3 | ROYAL DUTCH | 113/0 | 114/1 | WYLE LABS | 9/5 | 9/5 |
| 3/23 | 32/4 | RSS BERRIE | 19/2 | 19/1 | XEROX CORP | 54/4 | 54/6 |
| 10/1 | 20/7 | RYDER SYST | 0 | 25/6 | XTRA INC | 32/5 | 32/5 |
| 1/1 | 21/3 | RYLANO GRP | 16/2 | 16/2 | ZAPATA | 2/7 | 2/7 |
| 3/5 | 3/5 | S OIEG G-E | 34/4 | 34/3 | ZAYRE CORP | 21/2 | 21/3 |
| 4/5 | 4/3 | SALOMON | 23/1 | 23/4 | ZENITH EL | 21/2 | 21/2 |
| 6/5 | 0 | SARA LEE | 58/6 | 59/0 | ZERO | 17/0 | 17/0 |
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Dow Jones Plus Indices

| | LAST | CHANGE | HIGH | LOW |
|---------------|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| IND | 2,059.03 | - 20.10 | 2,030.19 | 2,059.03 |
| TRANS | 860.81 | - 6.72 | 867.83 | 860.81 |
| UTILS | 177.63 | - 1.36 | 177.07 | 177.57 |
| STOCKS | 769.79 | - 6.85 | 777.06 | 769.79 |
| NYS COMP | 149.45 | - 1.21 | | |
| S-P COMPOSITE | 264.16 | - 2.33 | | |
| NYSE INDS | 180.15 | - 1.55 | | |
| AMEX INDEX | 298.84 | - 2.28 | | |
| NETC FUND | 78.10 | - 1.00 | | |

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| 5/0 | 65/4 | NASD INDS | 389.48 | - 2.97 |
| 0/5 | 40/4 | S-P 100 INDEX | 252.16 | - 2.14 |
| 5/1 | 55/0 | | | |

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| Y | 43 7/8 | - | AMSON OIL | 1 1/6 | - |
| CO | 9 | UNCH | OMDAHL CP | 44 1/8 | - 1 5/8 |
| VC | 25 3/8 | UNCH | TEXAS AIR | 10 5/8 | - 3/8 |
| | 25 1/2 | - 1/8 | ECHO BAY | 17 5/8 | - 3/8 |
| | 15 3/4 | - 1/2 | WANG LAB B | 9 3/8 | - 1/8 |
| | 48 3/4 | - 1/8 | TECH TAPE | 13 3/4 | + 1/8 |
| | 120 1/2 | | | | |

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| P | 40 1/4 | - | 5/8 | BAT INDS | 7 1/16 | - | 1/8 |
| | 2 7/8 | - | 1/8 | GLOBAL NAT | 6 1/4 | + | 1/8 |
| GEST | PER CENT | CHANGE | | AMEX LARGEST | PER CENT | CHANGE | |
| S | 3 1/4 | + | 1/4 | SOUTH PUB | 7 3/8 | + | 1 1/8 |
| IN | 10 1/2 | + | 3/4 | FST OF MIC | 14 | + | 2 |
| S | 3 3/4 | + | 2 3/8 | CAMPON CREA | 2 1/2 | + | 1/4 |
| VC | 3 3/4 | - | 3/8 | HOFMANN | 5 3/8 | - | 1/2 |
| LINE | 3 | - | 1/4 | EECO INC | 5 7/8 | - | 1/2 |
| P | 68,125,400 | | | AMEX VOLUME | 3,257,060 | | |
| DOWN | 174 | | | STOCKS UP | 85 | | |
| ASDAQ | 926 | | | STOCKS DOWN | 289 | | |
| P | 127,820,600 | | | | | | |
| P | 675 DOWN | 1462 | | | | | |

Aug 10, (Rauter): Blue chips moved to lower ground after a resumption in the end of a temporary stall. Analysts said market psychology was battered by the Federal Reserve to raise the discount rate by one-half point to 6.5 percent to weaken further," said Alfred Goldman, a technical market analyst. He said that if blue chips move below 2050, considered a support level, a rebound can be expected.

The industrial average was off 18 to 2061. Decliners led gainers by about seven-to-

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International Bond Highlights

LONDON - Mitsui Finance Australia Ltd is issuing a 200 mln Australian dollar Eurobond due August 1991, paying interest at a rate linked to the Australian bank bill rate, said Mitsui Finance Ltd as lead manager. (RTX 1438)

London - The big four Japanese securities houses decided to extend limits on the flow of new equity warrant deals and consult again on August 22, market sources said. (RTX 1451)

London - The Bank of England said its 750 mln sterling auction of 9-1/2 pct partially-paid stock due 1994 was allotted in full, with the lowest accepted bid at 92-1/2-3/4 pct, yielding to 10.39 pct. (RTVG 1034)

Paris - Sogen Finance Luxembourg, a unit of Societe Generale, is issuing a 60 mln New Zealand dollar Eurobond due 1991 carrying a 14 pct coupon and priced at 101-3/4. Societe Generale said as lead manager. (RTUT 0845)

London - Westpac Banking Corp is issuing a 60 mln New Zealand dollar Eurobond due September 19, 1991 paying 14-1/4 pct and priced at 101-1/2 pct, lead manager West Banking Corp, London branch said. (RTUT 0951)

West Berlin - Berliner Bank AG said it is issuing and lead managing a 50 mln Canadian dollar Eurobond with a 10-1/4 pct coupon priced at 101-5/8 for five years. (RTTQ 0819)

Interbank Rates

| CALL | ONE MONTH | THREE MONTHS |
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| LDH 11 10-3/4 | 11 10-7/8 | 11 10-3/4 |
| FF 4.90/5.00 | 5.15/20 | 5.30/40 |
| PAR 6-7/8 | 7-1/16 3-1/16 | 7-5/16 7-1/16 |
| ZUR 1-5/8 1-7/8 | 3-1/4 3-1/2 | 3-5/4 4 |
| BUR 3-7/8 | 6-13/16 15-1/16 | 7-1/4 5/2 |
| ROM 10 10-1/2 | 10-5/4 11-1/4 | 11 11/2 |
| AMS 5-1/16 5-1/4 | 5-5/16 5-7/16 | 5-1/2 5-5/8 |
| TOK 3.7500 8125 | 4.1250 1875 | 4.0625 1250 |
| ECU 6.87 7.12 | 7.00 7.12 | 7.31 7.43 |

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

| Period | Bid | Offered |
|----------|-------|---------|
| 1 month | 6-1/8 | 6-1/2 |
| 3 months | 6-1/8 | 6-1/2 |
| 6 months | 6-1/8 | 6-1/2 |
| 1 year | 6-1/8 | 6-1/2 |

BOMBAY

| PR. CLOSE | OPEN | CLOSE | GLINDIA | 57.50 | 57 | 57.75 | NICO | 585 | 585 | 587.50 |
|-------------------|--------|--------|------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|
| ACC 245 | 245 | 235 | GRASHIN | 47 | 46 | 47 | MUKAND | 83 | 84 | 83 |
| ASIA PAINT 160 | 158.75 | 165.25 | HSFC | 106.50 | 106.50 | 106.50 | MOKIL | 485 | 492.50 | 497.50 |
| BAJAJ AUTO 270 | 275 | 268.75 | HIND LEVER | 136.50 | 135 | 137 | OKAY | 26 | 26 | 26 |
| BAR. RAYON 232.50 | 232.50 | 240 | HINDALCO | 92 | 94 | 93 | PFIZER | 30.50 | 30.50 | 29.50 |
| BOM. DYING 113 | 109 | 110 | HINDCOCCA | 86.25 | 86.25 | 86.25 | PRI. AUTO | 32 | 32.25 | 32.50 |
| BR. BOND 85 | 84 | 85 | HINDMOTOR | 25 | 25 | 26.50 | RAYMOND | 50 | 49 | 50 |
| BSE INDEX 600.41 | 600.95 | 600.95 | IND ORS | 24.50 | 24.25 | 23.50 | RELIANCE | 203.50 | 203.50 | 204 |
| CENTURYSPG 882.50 | 885 | 892.50 | INDRANAL | 66 | 66 | 66.50 | SIEMENS | 70 | 69 | 70 |
| COLGATE 221.75 | 221.25 | 221.25 | INDROL | 157.50 | 157.50 | 160 | SPIC | 49.25 | 49 | 50 |
| DEEPAK FERT 38.50 | 38.50 | 38 | ITC | 43 | 42 | 43 | STOWILLS | 245 | 247.50 | 252.50 |
| EL. HOTEL 49 | 48 | 49.50 | JYSYNTN | 66 | 66.50 | 66 | TATA PHR | 252.50 | 247.50 | 245 |
| ESKAYEF 121.25 | 121.25 | 120 | L. AND T | 113.50 | 114 | 114.50 | TATACHEM | 75.50 | 74.50 | 75 |
| ESSAR 18.50 | 18.50 | 18.25 | MAHINDRA | 57 | 58 | 56.50 | TELCO | 692.50 | 687.50 | 682.50 |
| GAR. POLY 77.50 | 77.50 | 78.50 | MASTERSHR | 10.30 | 10.25 | 10.40 | TISCO | 811.25 | 816.25 | 815.75 |
| GE. SHIP 28.12 | 28.37 | 28.12 | MATERN PL | 48 | 46 | 46 | VOLTAS | 325 | 317.50 | 325 |

FRANKFURT

| STOCK | LAST PR. CLSE |
|--------------------|---------------|
| AGE 202.5 | 202.3 |
| ALLIANZ VR 1533.0 | 1567.0 |
| BADENWERK 183.1 | 182.0 |
| BAF 261.4 | 265.5 |
| BATER 293.0 | 299.0 |
| BAYER HYP 323.0 | 334.0 |
| BAYER VER 325.2 | 335.5 |
| BBK 305.0 | 306.2 |
| BNF 419.0 | 425.0 |
| BNW 495.5 | 497.0 |
| COMMERZBK 223.5 | 230.0 |
| CONTI GUMM 254.8 | 261.0 |
| DAMMER BEH 659.5 | 672.0 |
| DEUTSCH BANK 472.0 | 483.0 |
| DLW 364.0 | 368.0 |
| DRESCHER B 248.2 | 257.2 |
| DT BARCOCK 182.8 | 185.0 |
| FAZ INDOCK 484.70 | 495.25 |
| FELDMUEHL 274.0 | 277.5 |
| GOLDCHMID 291.0 | 298.8 |
| HARPEMER 428.0 | 430.0 |
| HOECHST AG 279.0 | 284.5 |
| NOESCH 149.0 | 151.2 |
| HORTHE 198.0 | 201.0 |
| HUSSEL NLD 425.5 | 425.0 |
| KALI SALZ 169.0 | 168.5 |
| KARSTADT 413.0 | 416.0 |
| KAUFHOFF 352.5 | 356.0 |
| KLOECK H 136.5 | 138.5 |
| KLOECK W 0 | 101.00 |
| LINDE 690.0 | 698.0 |
| LUFTHANSA 139.2 | 143.0 |
| MAN 199.2 | 207.5 |
| MANNESMAN 170.8 | 176.0 |
| MERCEDES 521.0 | 534.0 |
| METALLGES 298.0 | 315.0 |
| NIENDORF PF 438.0 | 454.0 |
| ROSKO WND 61.50 | 61.00 |
| PHILIP KON 588.0 | 595.0 |
| POESCHKE 559.5 | 564.0 |
| PREUSSAG 182.1 | 184.5 |
| PWA 211.0 | 219.0 |
| RHEINMETAL 290.0 | 294.0 |
| RUE 228.0 | 231.0 |
| RUE P 212.0 | 216.5 |
| SALAMANDER 255.5 | 260.0 |
| SCHERHNG 507.0 | 520.0 |
| SEL 294.7 | 295.5 |
| SIEMENS 433.5 | 443.0 |
| TNTSSEN 149.0 | 153.0 |
| VARTA 275.0 | 290.0 |
| VEBA 258.2 | 260.0 |
| VEW 159.4 | 159.5 |
| VOLKSWAGEN 244.5 | 250.0 |

HONG KONG

| STOCK | LAST PR. CLSE |
|------------------|---------------|
| C H TUNNEL 15.20 | 15.20 |
| CHUNG K 7.55 | 7.55 |
| CHINA GAS 16.60 | 16.60 |
| CHINA L-P 16.90 | 16.90 |
| CHINA MOP 22.10 | 22.10 |
| COSMO PROP 4.00 | 4.00 |
| EVERGOLD 5.00 | 5.00 |
| FAR EAST C 81 | 81 |
| G ORIENT 0 | 44.00 |
| H C DEVELOP 9.55 | 9.55 |
| H S INDEX 579.38 | 634.04 |
| HONG LUNG 5.15 | 5.15 |
| HONG SENG 30.75 | 30.75 |
| HAM PAR BR 0 | 21.00 |
| HK ELEC CO 7.30 | 7.30 |
| HK KOLDOON 8.20 | 8.20 |
| HK LAND CO 8.40 | 8.40 |
| HK SHAN BK 6.20 | 6.25 |
| HK SHAH HT 4.95 | 4.95 |
| HK TELE CO 5.60 | 5.60 |
| HUTCH WHAM 9.15 | 9.15 |
| INT EQ PAC 12.50 | 12.50 |
| JARDINE H 13.50 | 13.50 |
| KOLDOON H 9.55 | 9.35 |
| NEW WORLD 11.30 | 11.30 |
| PAUL T CON 2.63 | 2.63 |
| REALTY DEV 7.25 | 7.25 |
| S H K CO 2.13 | 2.13 |
| S H K PROP 10.70 | 10.70 |
| SINE DART 2.03 | 2.03 |
| STELLUX PFC 2.85 | 2.85 |
| SHIRE PAC 18.70 | 18.70 |
| T V B CO 12.70 | 12.70 |
| TAT CHEUNG 3.80 | 3.80 |
| UNION BANK 1.65 | 1.65 |
| WOCK HAD 0 | 7.25 |
| WOCK HAI 0 | 1.15 |
| WORLD INTL 3.88 | 3.88 |

TOKYO

| STOCK | LAST PR. CLSE | STOCK | LAST PR. CLSE |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| AIJINOMOTO 2900 | 2940 | HIYOSU CP 1130 | 1200 |
| AKAI ELEC 605 | 620 | HIYOSU EST 2350 | 2420 |
| AKI 950 | 962 | HIYOSU RY 915 | 950 |
| ASAHI GLS 1900 | 1920 | HIYOSU SH 892 | 915 |
| ASAHI OPT 677 | 695 | HIYOSU SHI 1820 | 1900 |
| BANK TOKYO 1540 | 1590 | HIYOSU EL 1100 | 1120 |
| BRIGESTON 1320 | 1350 | HIYOSU CHMT 800 | 801 |
| CANON 1530 | 1520 | HIYOSU SEC 1870 | 1890 |
| CASIO COMP 1240 | 1280 | HIYOSU ELEC 2130 | 2180 |
| CHUGAI PHM 1610 | 1620 | HIYOSU KKKAN 650 | 685 |
| CITIZEN W 811 | 829 | HIYOSU OIL 1090 | 1100 |
| D-ICHI KAN 3000 | 3080 | HIYOSU STEEL 714 | 758 |
| DAI NIP IT 797 | 821 | HIYOSU YUSEN 739 | 780 |
| DAI NIP PT 2460 | 2500 | HIYOSU MOTOR 1140 | 1210 |
| DAI NIP SC 1070 | 1100 | HIYOSU SEC 3700 | 3860 |
| DAI NIP TO 591 | 625 | HIYOSU CO 940 | 967 |
| DATCEL 870 | 895 | HIYOSU OLYMPUS 1100 | 1120 |
| DAIWA H 1970 | 2060 | HIYOSU PENTA OCN 860 | 875 |
| DALIA SEC 2370 | 2450 | HIYOSU PIONEER 3700 | 3630 |
| EDR HFS 955 | 980 | HIYOSU RENOM 915 | 945 |
| ETSAI 2070 | 2100 | HIYOSU RICOH 1330 | 1340 |
| FUJITSU 1780 | 1820 | HIYOSU SANYO 2030 | 2030 |
| FUJI BANK 3130 | 3200 | HIYOSU SANYO ELEC 751 | 755 |
| FUJI PHOTO 3760 | 3760 | HIYOSU SEIYU ST 2220 | 2250 |
| FUJISAMA 1810 | 1830 | HIYOSU SEIKI PB 1740 | 1760 |
| FUJITA CP 714 | 725 | HIYOSU SHARP 1180 | 1200 |
| HIYOSU 1630 | 1650 | HIYOSU SHISEIDO 1670 | 1680 |
| NONDA MOT 2210 | 2270 | HIYOSU SONY 6820 | 6930 |
| ISSETAN 2250 | 2320 | HIYOSU SUMITOMO 1070 | 1120 |
| IYO YOKADO 4260 | 4350 | HIYOSU TAISEI 899 | 916 |
| JAP SYN RU 1060 | 1110 | HIYOSU TAISEI MHI 1050 | 1070 |
| JAPAN AIR 14600 | 14900 | HIYOSU TAISEI CH 2650 | 2690 |
| JAPAN MET 630 | 649 | HIYOSU TEIJIN 772 | 784 |
| KAJIMA 1400 | 1450 | HIYOSU TRO NEW IX 172.80 | 220.29 |
| KANSAI EL 3010 | 3090 | HIYOSU TRO NEW HRI 1910 | 1990 |
| KAO SOAP 1780 | 1780 | HIYOSU TRO NEW ELEC 1240 | 1260 |
| KAWASAKI H 665 | 705 | HIYOSU TOKYO ELEC 1250 | 1300 |
| KAWASAKI S 718 | 757 | HIYOSU TOKYO POWER 5700 | 5870 |
| KIRIN BEV 1970 | 1990 | HIYOSU TORAY IND 864 | 879 |
| KONATSU 760 | 778 | HIYOSU TOSHIBA EL 1080 | 1120 |
| KUBOTA LTD 710 | 720 | HIYOSU TOTO 2010 | 2090 |
| KYOCERA 5810 | 5900 | HIYOSU TOYO KKKOY 679 | 690 |
| MAKITA EL 1600 | 1700 | HIYOSU TOYOTA MOT 2750 | 2830 |
| MARUI 3050 | 3110 | HIYOSU YAMAHA 1420 | 1470 |
| MATSUDA EI 2780 | 2840 | HIYOSU YAMATACHI 1870 | 1940 |
| MATSUDA EL 0 | 2660 | HIYOSU YAMAGUCHI 4000 | 5960 |
| NEIJI SEIK 922 | 921 | HIYOSU YAMAZAKI 1490 | 1470 |

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS FINISH WITH YEAR'S BIGGEST DROP
TOKYO, AUG 10, REUTER - SHARE PRICES TOOK A NOSEDIVE IN THE YEAR'S BIGGEST PLUNGE ON FEARS OF HIGHER INTEREST RATES AFTER TUESDAY'S RISE IN THE U.S. DISCOUNT RATE, BROKERS SAID.

"IY TOOK NEW YORK BY SURPRISE AND IY CERTAINLY TOOK PEOPLE HERE BY SURPRISE," SAID PAUL NIGLIORATO, A BROKER WITH JARDINE FLEMING SECURITIES LTD. "CURRENTLY IS THE BIGGEST WORRY. IF THE YEN WEAKENS FURTHER, THERE IS FEAR JAPAN WILL RAISE INTEREST RATES."

THE NIKKEI INDEX PLUNGED 615.49 POINTS, OR 2.18 PCT, TO 27,554.87. THIS SURPASSES THE PREVIOUS RECORD 1988 DROP OF 515.09 POINTS SET ON JULY 19. IT FELL 82.76 POINTS ON TUESDAY. VOLUME WAS A MODERATE 700 MLN SHARES AGAINST 650 MLN ON TUESDAY. FALLS LED RISES 6.9 TO ONE.

SECURITIES HOUSE, REAL ESTATE, RAILWAYS/BUS, REAL ESTATE, CREDIT/LEASE, NON-LIFE INSURANCE, COMMUNICATIONS, SHIPBUILDING, AUTO AND GAS STOCKS LED THE FALL.

WINING SHARES WERE THE ONLY ONES TO ADVANCE.

THE MARKET FELL ALL DAY ON NEWS THAT THE FEDERAL RESERVE RAISED ITS DISCOUNT RATE TO 6-1/2 PCT FROM SIX PCT, IN THE FIRST INCREASE SINCE LAST YEAR.

INVESTORS EXPECTED THE KEY RATE TO BE LEFT UNCHANGED BEFORE THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, BROKERS SAID.

THE U.S. RATE RISE BOOSTED THE DOLLAR. IT CLOSED AT 134.92 YEN HERE AGAINST 135.15/20 IN NEW YORK AND 133.58 HERE AT THE CLOSE ON TUESDAY.

INVESTORS HAD BEEN REASSURED BY THE RECENT STABILITY IN THE YEN-DOLLAR RATE, WHICH HAD BEEN TRAPPED BETWEEN 133 AND 155 YEN, BUT THE DOLLAR'S RISE TO A RANGE OF 134.75 TO 135.20 YEN IN TOKYO TODAY AWAKENED FEARS THE YEN COULD FALL FURTHER.

"IF THE DOLLAR BREAKS THROUGH 140 YEN, PEOPLE WILL WORRY ABOUT IMPORTED INFLATION," SAID TOZO ASAI, A BROKER AT YAMATACHI SECURITIES. "EVERYONE WANTS TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE EXCHANGE RATE," HE ADDED.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, AUG 10, REUTER - STOCK PRICES CLOSED WEAKER FOLLOWING NEWS OF THE ARREST OF SIX HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE OFFICIALS BUT MANY SHARES ENDED ABOVE THEIR LOWS ON SMALL INVESTOR MARGIN-HUNTING, BROKERS SAID.

THE HANG SENG INDEX FELL 54.66 POINTS, OR TWO PCT, TO 2,579.39 WHILE THE BROAD-BASED HONG KONG INDEX DROPPED 38.39 POINTS TO 1,702.65. TURNOVER FIRMED TO 840.93 MLN H.K. DLRS FROM 575.17 MLN ON TUESDAY.

"THE ARRESTS WERE NOT UNEXPECTED," SAID AN ANALYST WITH A U.K. BROKERAGE. "BUT IT WAS STILL A SHOCK TO THE MARKET WHEN THE AUTHORITIES REALLY TOOK THE MOVE."

AMMAN

| ALADDIN COMPANY | OPHC | CLSG |
|------------------------|-------|-------|
| ARAB ALUMINUM IND. | | |
| ARAB BANK | | |
| ARAB CHEMICAL DYER | 3.96 | 3.95 |
| ARAB FINANCE CORP. | | |
| ARAB INSURANCE | | |
| ARAB INT. INV/TRADE | 0.98 | 0.98 |
| ARAB INT. UNION INS | 0.94 | 0.90 |
| ARAB INTER. HOTELS | 0.53 | 0.58 |
| ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK | 2.10 | 2.10 |
| ARAB PAPER COM/TRA | 0.31 | 0.30 |
| ARAB PHARMACEUTICAL | | |
| ARAB POTASH CO. | 0.76 | 0.75 |
| ARABIAN SEAS INS. | 1.65 | 1.65 |
| BANK OF JORDAN | 14.70 | 14.70 |
| BELGIUM INSURANCE | 1.00 | 0.95 |
| CAIRO AMMAN BANK | 28.00 | 28.00 |
| CONFECT/CHOCOLATE | 1.05 | 1.25 |
| DAR AL SHAAB PRESS | | |
| DAR ALDANA DV/INV. | 1.51 | 1.53 |
| QARCO/INVEST/HOUS. | | |
| FINANCE/CREDIT/COR | 3.65 | 3.55 |
| GARAGE OWNERS OFF | 2.39 | 2.63 |
| GENERAL INSURANCE | 1.26 | 1.26 |
| GENERAL INVESTMENT | 1.31 | 1.33 |
| GENERAL MINING | 0.75 | 0.75 |
| HIMEN MINERALS | 1.25 | 1.26 |
| HOLY LAND INS. | | |
| IND. MATCH JEMCO | | |
| INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP BHK | | |
| INDUSTRIAL/CONG/AGR | 0.75 | 0.75 |
| INDUSTRIAL INVEST. | | |
| INTERN. CO/INV | | |
| IRRID ELECTRICITY | 0.85 | 0.86 |
| ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE | 0.64 | 0.64 |
| ITERNED/PETRI/CH | | |
| J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX | 0.79 | 0.80 |
| JERUSALEM INS. | 1.26 | 1.29 |
| JO YOBACCO/CIGARET | 14.50 | 14.50 |
| JOR CERAMIC FACTOR | | |
| JOR EAGLE INS. | 25.01 | 25.05 |
| JOR ELECTRIC POWER | | |
| JOR FINANCE HOUSE | 0.92 | 0.93 |
| JOR GLASS INDUSTRY | 2.50 | 2.30 |
| JOR TOURISM | 1.46 | 1.45 |
| JOR INDUSTRY CHEM. | 1.20 | 1.20 |
| JOR INS AND FIN. | | |
| JOR LEASING CORP. | 0.60 | 0.66 |
| JOR LIM BRICK | | |
| JOR MANAG/CONSULT | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| JOR NATIONAL BANK | | |
| JOR PAPER CARDBOG | | |
| JOR PHOSPHATE MINS | | |
| JOR PIPES MANUFACT | 2.00 | 2.15 |
| JOR PRESS/PUBLISHER | 4.00 | 4.05 |
| JOR PRINTING/PACK. | | |
| JOR ROCK WOOL IND. | | |
| JOR SECURIT CORP | 0.75 | 0.75 |
| JOR SELPHO CHEM. | 2.43 | 2.50 |
| JOR WOOD INDUSTRY | 4.60 | 4.60 |
| JOR WORSTED MILL | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| JOR. KUWAIT AGR | | |
| JOR. PETROLIUM REF | | |
| JOR. FREEMAN INS. | 4.60 | 4.55 |
| JOR. INV. FIM CORP | | |
| JORDAN GULF REAL | 0.27 | 0.28 |
| JORDAN DAIRY | | |
| JORDAN GULF BANK | 1.25 | 1.25 |
| JORDAN GULF INS. | 0.94 | 0.95 |
| JORDAN INSURANCE | 15.85 | 15.90 |
| JORDAN ISLAMIC BHK | | |
| JORDAN KUWAIT BANK | | |
| JORDAN TANNING | | |
| LIVESTOCK/POULTRY | 0.72 | 0.71 |
| MACH/EQU/RENT/MAIN | | |
| MAS INDUSTRIES | 0.69 | 0.73 |
| MIDDLE EAST HOTEL | 0.60 | 0.60 |
| MIDDLE EAST INS | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| MINERALS RESEARCH | 0.60 | 0.55 |
| MAY.FIN. INVEST CO | | |
| MAY/CABLE/WIRE/HF | | |
| NATIONAL ACHIA INS | 1.23 | 1.22 |

Dollar stable

Stocks tumble on rate hikes

LONDON, Aug 10, (Reuters): Rising interest rates sent shudders through world stock exchanges today, while the dollar held steady, closing virtually unchanged in Europe.

Wall Street stocks, which tumbled 1.3 per cent on Tuesday after the US Federal Reserve raised its key discount rate by half a percentage point to 6.5 per cent, fell sharply from the opening bell and by noon the Dow Jones industrial average was down 26.68 points at 2,052.45.

"The blood is flowing here," said Jay Gene Seagle, director of technical research at brokers Gruntal and Co in New York. The London stock exchange had fallen during the day, but New York's weak opening and market speculation about the possibility of higher US interest rates sent British shares down even further in the

afternoon, dealers said. Other European markets also focused on whether West Germany's Bundesbank would raise rates to help the Deutschmark, which has weakened sharply against the dollar in recent weeks.

"The rise in US interest rates can go even further. For us (West Germany) this means that we'll have to follow suit," Ernst-Moritz Lipp, chief economist of Dresdner Bank AG, said.

Prices

Belgium raised interest rates today and Britain put its base rates up by half a percentage point on Monday to 11 per cent, the seventh such rise since early June.

Frankfurt share prices fell by two per cent, because of the speculation about the Bundesbank's intentions.

Dealers and economists said the West German central bank seemed to have little choice but to raise the discount and Lombard rates at its next council meeting on August 25. It was not expected to call a special meeting of its council.

Tokyo's Nikkei average earlier had closed 615.49 points or 2.18 per cent lower at 27,554.87, its biggest drop this year.

The US Federal Reserve apparently raised the discount rate for the first time in 11 months in a move to take the cost of borrowing generally higher so as to damp down spending and ease a risk of inflation in a fast-expanding American economy.

Fears

Inflation fears also haunt the governments of Europe. Stock markets fear business profits will be hurt if money is too

expensive. Relatively high US interest rates meanwhile offer a generous return on many dollar assets and throughout the summer have attracted money into America's currency.

A continuing rally today took the dollar above 1.92 West German marks in intrasession European trading for the first time in 19 months. It had begun 1988 with a historic low of 1.5615 marks to Tokyo on January 4.

Concern

The dollar closed in London at 1.9180 marks and 134.50 Japanese yen compared with Tuesday's closes in London of 1.9153 and 134.70 and in New York of 1.9175 and 134.85.

There is market concern that if the dollar rises too far Japan might join in the interest rate rises.

Several Frankfurt currency dealers said it might only be a matter of time before the dollar got up to two marks.

But some thought that US trade figures for June due out next Tuesday might show a bigger deficit than May's \$10.9 billion and frighten some speculative money back out of dollars.

High British bank base lending rates continued to make sterling an attractive buy. The pound ended steady in Europe today at \$1.6900 and 3.2415 marks compared with 1.6860 and 3.2325 on Tuesday.

Gold was fixed at \$427.20 in London this afternoon, a little firmer than Tuesday's close of 425.25.

Crude oil from Britain's North Sea dipped to around \$15 a barrel, about 30 cents a barrel down on Tuesday.



Floor dealers struggle in trading at Tokyo Stock Exchange yesterday as share prices fell 615.49 points, or 2.18 per cent, to 27,554.87, in the year's biggest plunge. The decline was due to fears of higher interest rates after Tuesday's surprise hike in the US discount rate, brokers said. (Reuters wirephoto)

Turkish lira drops in move towards flotation

ISTANBUL, Aug 10, (Reuters): The Turkish lira dropped 1.73 per cent against the dollar yesterday in the first stage of a move towards a floating interbank currency market.

A cross-section of banks and a foreign exchange dealer joined the Central Bank for a first joint fixing of a daily exchange rate at 1.481 lira to the dollar, a 25-lira drop.

"It was very successful," said the Central Bank's Yaman Toruner, head of the money markets and funds.

Bankers and economists welcomed the move towards a floating lira, one of Prime Minister Turgut Ozal's major targets, but some warned care was needed to avoid a run on the currency.

The open market interbank lira rate — freed last month for deals over \$50,000 — closed on Monday above 1,509 to the dollar. One bank said the Central Bank sold it 100,000 liras in that range during the fixing session.

"We are going to see some more jumps in the next few days. The Central Bank must take strong measures to stop people speculating on foreign exchange," said one senior banker in Istanbul, Turkey's commercial capital.

The lira fell 23 per cent against the dollar in January on the Istanbul bazaar black market after a public loss of trust.

Officials say tight control will be kept on the money supply, but the lira is still suffering from inflation that rose to 75.5 per cent at end-July.

The probability of a referendum and local elections in the next few months will also bring government pressure on the Central Bank to print more money, economists say.

Despite the threat posed by a floating currency to profit margins and the lira, bankers praise such progress in a country where ownership of a dollar note was a serious crime until 1983.

"It's in everybody's interest that it works well," said Haluk Ulusoy, treasurer at Saudi-American Bank in Istanbul and one of the only major interbank market-makers.

"The real value of the Turkish lira will come out...the practice is an important step towards convertibility," Metin Boyisan, general manager of TTBank, told reporters.

Indian pilots trying to join Gulf Air

ABOUT 200 Indian pilots working with the domestic carrier Indian Airlines, are trying to leave the airline and join the Bahrain-based Gulf Air.

The pilots have already applied for jobs at Gulf Air and the selection process will start soon in the western port city of Bombay, a Gulf Air official said yesterday.

The pilots cite a "poor working environment" at Indian Airlines as one of the chief reasons for seeking jobs with Gulf Air. The west Asian airline offers attractive salaries and other incentives.

The move has caused a considerable concern among top Indian Airlines officials who are planning to ask the Civil Aviation Ministry to request that the foreign carrier not entertain the pilots' applications. Airline officials say another reason the government should approach Gulf Air is the shortage of pilots.

Indian Airlines officials said that 152 pilots, all of whom are flying Boeing 737s are to be trained by the Airbus Industries at Toulouse in France. Others would be trained in India.

Gulf banks pin recession relief on ceasefire

Kuwait and Dubai look set to boom

BAHRAIN, Aug 10, (Reuters): Gulf banks believe they could be lifted out of a five-year recession by economic reconstruction in Iraq and Iraq after eight years of war.

Massive reconstruction projects and demand for consumer goods in Iran and Iraq promise to crank up dormant Gulf factories and revitalise the area's re-export trade, bankers said.

"Kuwait and Dubai look set to boom and the economies of Saudi Arabia and Bahrain will get a nice shot in the arm at least," said one Arab banker in Bahrain.

Bankers say the lion's share of their business will be trade-related finance, but they expect other business to spring from a general pick-up in regional economies.

Profits

It will be a welcome relief to Gulf banks, whose profits fell sharply with oil revenues in the early 1980s.

The bankers say hundreds of millions of dollars salted away

abroad may also be lured back to be invested in local economies.

"The place that will see the most dramatic increase will be Dubai," said a Western banker.

Dubai, the small private boats that have plied the waters between Dubai and Iranian ports for millennia, kept up their trade through the war, and now the emirate is thought to be in the best position for peace-time trade.

Similarly, Kuwait is set to be Iraq's major port until Iraq clears the Shal Al-Arab waterway and gets on with a \$3 billion development scheme for the port of Basra.

Reserves

"There will also be more activity in Kuwait because of the reduced political risk — the chance the war would spill over into Kuwait has always been in the back of people's minds," said a banker.

But bankers say few people are likely to rush to finance construction projects in Iraq or Iran, at least not in the short-term.

"The fears are the tremendous foreign debt servicing and how permanent the peace will be," said one.

At the beginning of the war, Iraq had foreign reserves estimated at \$20 billion, but now owes banks, companies and foreign governments as much as \$65 billion.

"In Iraq, there will be many lending opportunities, especially in short-term trade," said a banker.

Debt

"But no one is completely happy with the state of affairs because of Iraq's heavy-handed approach to restructuring past debt," he added.

"Western banks are likely to go in only under the umbrella of the governments' export credit agencies, and then often for only a token participation," said another banker.

Iran's foreign debt is much less, but as oil revenues have fallen in the last few months, the country has delayed payments on some four to five billion

dollars of short-term debt.

Among Western banks, the French, West German, British and Japanese are expected to get most business.

With the ceasefire, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait will be freed the burden of supporting Iraq's war effort, and the hope is that at least some of the savings will be spent on their economies. Baghdad is believed to owe the two countries around \$30 billion.

Since the end of the oil boom, cement and building material factories in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia have been running well below capacity and huge inventories of construction equipment are idle.

Boost

Bankers hope the boost to local economies will help companies pay off a pile of bad debts built up during the recession.

They say Bahrain, long the Gulf's main banking centre, may be passed over. "But some of the region's biggest banks are here," said one banker, "and it will be hard to avoid giving them a piece of the action."

OPEC prospects may brighten, say analysts

LONDON, Aug 10, (Reuters): An Iraq-Iran ceasefire offers OPEC a real chance to heal bitter divisions and reach a new agreement to cut output and raise oil prices, industry analysts said today.

But they added that the organisation still faced many difficulties in efforts to erase a surplus which has depressed prices to around \$15 a barrel — less than half what they were at the height of the market in the early 1980s.

Prices

"Prospects are rising for OPEC to form a concerted strategy again," said Mehdi Varzi at London brokerage Kleinwort Benson.

"Prices may rise to a range of \$16 to 19 by the end of this year," said Varzi.

Spot market prices have already reacted positively to UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar's announcement of a

ceasefire between the two OPEC founder members from August 20.

North Sea Brent, the most widely traded crude oil, jumped 50 cents to \$15.50 in Asian trading on Tuesday.

But that is still well below OPEC's current goal of \$18 a barrel.

And several traders and analysts worry that, if OPEC fails to build on the new opportunity for unity among its 13 fractious members, an even bigger glut might be in prospect.

Sidically increasing OPEC production, in excess of demand, and high consumer stocks already cause concern.

"Probably by the end of September, stocks will be 100 million barrels higher than last year," said Yasuhiko Tashiro, a chief economist for Japan's Idemitsu Kosan oil company in Tokyo.

One school of thought is that both belligerents will simply turn up the taps after they stop fighting in order to earn the revenues they need for post-war reconstruction.

A senior Western oil company source said: "The economic pressures could be too much for Iran... Iraq is deeply indebted, so the question is will they put OPEC before their own needs?"

OPEC President Rilwanu Lukman of Nigeria is among those who believe that they will.

"It's ridiculous to say Iran and Iraq will flood the world with oil," he said last week. "If they want to reconstruct their economies, the last thing they want is lower oil prices."

According to Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, Iran's policy "is the rule of OPEC and we believe in strengthening OPEC. We don't want to pump

more oil."

OPEC's secretary-general Subroto is to visit Iraq and Iran and many analysts think organisation ministers may meet in September.

A key question is whether Iraq will now submit to an OPEC-mandated output quota, after refusing to accept one while the war lasted because the organisation failed to meet its demand that it be allowed to pump as much as more populous Iran.

Quota

Some analysts said Iraq would be better off with a quota of less than its current output as spot oil prices would firm.

"Iraq is getting around \$13 a barrel for its 2.7 million barrels per day," Varzi at Kleinwort Benson in London said. "It would be better for it to produce around 2.5 million at \$15 to 16 per barrel than 2.7 million at \$13."

Investor confidence returns to Indian market

THE capital market in India has shown signs of revival with re-emergence of investor confidence in recent public issues. This confidence seems to have percolated to investors outside the shores of India also.

India Glycols Limited a company that entered the capital market in July 1988 for the manufacture of MEG, has received overwhelming response from Non-Resident Indians: the issue of Rs.30 million has received subscription of over Rs.60 million. Another company Indian Charge Chrome Limited which also entered the capital market in early July, for Rs.3.20 million, received encouraging response.

On the heels of this response, several companies have planned various offerings in the next two to three months.

Reliance Petrochemicals Limited is entering the capital market on August 22, with a 12.5 per cent fully convertible debenture issue of Rs.5160 million. This will be the largest ever capital issue by any private sector company in the corporate history of India.

The company, promoted by Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), will manufacture PVC, MEG and HDPE at its petrochemical complex at Hazira in Gujarat.

There is a reservation on preferential basis for the shareholders of Reliance Industries Ltd. in the ratio of 1 convertible debenture for every 10 shares held in RIL as on July 31, 1988. There being no separate reservation for NRIs out of the public issue, NRI participation is only in the capacity of being a shareholder in RIL.

In keeping with the present trend of the capital market, more companies are coming forth with public issues. Jay Bharat Maruti Limited a company being promoted as the biggest joint venture with Maruti Udyog Ltd. for the manufacture of sheet metal components, assemblies and sub-assemblies. This project has been conceived as a dedicated ancillary to Maruti as part of its indigenisation programme. There is preferential allotment reservation for equity shares of Rs.10 each aggregating to Rs.5.5 million on repatriation basis. The India Investment Fund floated by Grindlays Bank has offered to subscribe equity shares worth Rs.5.12 million of this reservation, and the company has accepted the offer. The company is entering the capital market at the end of this month.

Project

Gujarat Fluorochemicals Ltd. is setting up a project for the manufacture of anhydrous hydrofluoric acid and refrigerant gases, at its plant in Gujarat. There is preferential reservation for NRIs for equity shares worth Rs.1.50 million. The company is entering the capital market in early October 1988.

TVS Electronics Ltd., a company belonging to the TVS Group will for the first time offer equity to NRIs. The reservation is for Rs.20 million. This company has already started marketing its main-line products, viz., uninterrupted power supply units, switch mode power supply systems, computer peripherals like dot matrix printers, key boards, magnetic cartridge tape drives, CRT data display/graphic terminals/monitors and

computer add-on cards, micro computer/microprocessor or based system for LAN/WAN. The subscription list would open on September 21.

Flowmore Polyesters Ltd. has a reservation of Rs.18 million for NRIs. This company, promoted by the Flowmore Group, is implementing a project to manufacture 2,000 TPA of bi-axially oriented and balance polyester film. The Rs.241.55 million project is being set up with technical collaboration from Didier Engg. GmbH, Germany.

Two existing profit-making companies are planning to offer their equity to NRIs, in September 1988. Both these issues will be at a premium. Adnath Textiles

Ltd., belonging to the Oswal Group, has a reservation of 250,000 equity shares at a price of Rs.15/- per share. This company has performed well — the preliminary reports for year ended May 1988 shows a turnover of Rs.1.05 million with cash profits of Rs.7.5 million; the equity capital was Rs.4.8 million. The total equity after the public issue would be Rs.12 million.

Modi Steels Ltd. would be offering 225,000 equity shares at a price of Rs.14/- per share. This company has diversified into manufacture of polymers to be used by the manufacturers of jelly-filled cables. Currently, the bulk of such polymers are imported.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Aug 10, (Reuters): The share markets suffered its biggest fall in almost two weeks in nervous trading triggered by falls on foreign markets due to fears of higher interest rates. The All Ordinaries was down 24.6 to 1633.0.

TOKYO: Share prices fell on continued investors worries about interest rate rises after the US Federal Reserve raised its discount rate. The Nikkei index, in its biggest plunge of the year, fell 615.49 to 27,554.87.

HONG KONG: Prices closed weaker following news of the arrest of six Hong Kong Stock exchange officials. The Hang Seng index fell 54.66 to 2,579.38.

SINGAPORE: Prices closed sharply lower in response to further falls on the Tokyo market and investor worries about rising world interest rates. The Straits

Times industrial index fell 29.91 to 1,147.96.

BOMBAY: Share prices recovered on scattered institutional support after falling for the past two days. Brokers said purchases by Unit Trust of India, a leading state-owned investment institution, cheered sentiment.

FRANKFURT: Prices closed a moderate bounce sharply lower, falling almost two per cent on interest rate worries. The Dax index fell 23.34 to 1,173.45.

PARIS: Prices ended the continuous session lower on anxiety over global pressure on interest rates.

NEW YORK: Stocks, hit by interest rate concerns, could not reverse a downward bias and continued to show steep losses at midday. The Dow was down 26 at 2,053.

Tunisia plans to scrap foreign exchange controls

TUNIS, Aug 10, (Reuters): Tunisia plans to scrap foreign exchange controls and turn the dinar into a fully-convertible currency by the mid-1990, Central Bank Governor Ismail Kheili said today.

Kheili, in an interview with Reuters, spelled out plans for the second stage of a far-reaching reform programme which will leave Tunisia with one of the most liberal economies in the Arab world.

"We are really in the process of changing the whole money market right now and we intend to create a foreign exchange market. This is our next step," he said.

Liberalise

Kheili said the government of President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali aimed to liberalise the economy by 1991 and would then focus on the currency.

A number of steps have been taken to prepare domestic banks for the challenge, he said.

Under recent reforms many Tunisians can now hold hard currency accounts, there have been changes in domestic interest rates to increase inter-bank competition, and the Central Bank has been overhauled and given more independence.

"We want banks to be familiar dealing with foreign exchange. We are creating little by little a foreign exchange market within

the country. This is a step because our aim is to make the dinar a convertible currency," he said.

Setting out a step-by-step approach to reform, Kheili has maintained the abolition of currency restrictions was essential to attract foreign investors. "It is my conviction that this (restrictions) has been one of the more serious handicaps for attracting capital," he said.

"On the psychological level when you say to an investor this is a free country and you can bring in whatever you want and then take it out again, it really makes a big difference."

But he cautioned it was important to liberalise the economy, including the privatisation of at least 100 large state enterprises, before focusing on the currency reforms.

"The government has started privatisation, the pricing policy will have been liberalised, imports will have been mostly liberalised... after all that, then the liberalisation of the currency will be that much easier," he said.

Kheili said the new measures would form the centre-piece of a new five-year plan starting in 1992, adding:

"We use the current plan to restructure the economy, to improve efficiency and to liberalise and after that we start dealing

with the currency."

Kheili had no doubts Tunisia's economy which grew by 5.8 per cent in 1987 — well ahead of predictions and the highest growth in North Africa — would be strong enough to meet the challenge of overseas competition.

"From the first results, we believe we are really on the good path," he said.

He said the country's foreign reserves, which stood at \$565 million on August 1, were at the highest level for some 30 years as a result of increases in exports, tourism receipts and remittances from workers abroad.

More significantly, he said investment in export-oriented industry had shown a big increase. Businessmen were now confident after the uncertainty that marked the final years in power of former President Habib Bourguiba.

"There is a very good political and economic climate and the business climate is very pleased to see that situation," Kheili said.

Kheili said Tunisia, which turned to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank in 1986 after dwindling oil reserves left it with a severe cash shortage, had met all IMF targets and there were no plans for any more loans.

GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Tender No. 17/1988/35
Tender Internal No: 62/88
Concerned Party: Kuwait Oil Company
Requirements: Mechanical maintenance works at Al Muharikah
Relevant fee: KD 50/-
Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer value
Closing date: 12 noon, Tuesday 13.9.1988.
A pre-tender meeting shall be held at 9 am on 22.8.1988 at the Union Centre, Al Muharikah to visit the site and discuss the tender conditions.
Qualified tenders:
1. Abdul Aziz Yusuf Al Essa Co.
2. Al Adasani Contg. Est.
3. Ahmad Ghilum Riza Ashkanani Est.
4. Al Hani Construction & Trdg. Est.
5. Ali Al Ghanim Est.
6. Al Injaz Contracting Co.
7. Al Maqwa Trdg. & Contg. Co.
8. Al Mulla & Al Hussaini Dredging, Trdg. & Maint. Co.
9. Al Sawari Gen Trdg. & Contg. Co.
10. Al Yagza Trdg. Electrical & Mechanical Contg. Est.
11. Burqan Contg. Co.
12. United Contractors Co.
13. Dujaif Engg Co.
14. Al Hoss Engg & Transportation Co.
15. Hamoud Al Khudhad Est.
16. House of Trade & Contg. Co.
17. Khalifa Al Dujaif Al Dabous, Bros & Part. Co. Ltd.
18. Khalifa Al Dujaif Contg. & Gen Trdg. Est.
19. Kuwait Cumeo Co Ltd.
20. Kremenco
21. Kuwait Shipbuilding & Repairyard Co.
22. Mechanical & Industrial Services Co.
23. Mechanical Engg & Contg. Co.
24. Mishari Al Khalid & Partners Intl Co.
25. Shams Al Jazira Al Arabia Gen Trdg. Est.
26. Arab Kuwait Reconstruction Co.
27. Kuwait Plants Construction & Contg. Co.
28. National Mechanical & Electrical Works Co. Ltd.
29. Hassan Al Shatti Est.
Tender No. MMM/1-88/89
Tender Internal No: 49/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Public Works
Requirements: Rental of cars without drivers
Relevant fee: KD 20/-
Initial guarantee: 5% of offer value
Closing date: 12 noon, Sunday, 28.8.1988
Qualified tenders:
1. Youssef Ahmad Al Ghanim & Sons Co.
2. Faraj Mijbil Al Faraj & Bros Co.
3. Al Jazira & Al Qunad Transportation Co.
4. Al Mulla Cars Rental Co.
5. Khalid Al Mulla & Partner Co.
6. Hamad Al Khalid & Bros Trdg.

Co.
7. Mustafa Karam Trdg. Est.
8. Al Saabouk Cars Dealing & Rental Est.
9. Abdul Mohsen Abdul Aziz Al Bataineh Co.
10. Abbas Ahmad Al Shawaf Co.
11. Al Othman Cars Dealing & Rental Est.
12. Abed Ali Raheem Est.
13. Boodai Trdg. Co. Ltd.
14. Kuwait Public Transport Co.
15. Shams Al Kuwait Trdg. & Contg. Co.
Tender No. MMM/2-88/89
Tender Internal No: 56/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Public Works
Requirements: Rental of vans (pick-ups) with drivers
Relevant fee: KD 20/-
Initial guarantee: 5% of offer value
Closing date: 12 noon, Tuesday, 23.8.1988.
Qualified Tenders:
Please refer preceding Tender No. MMM/1-88/89
(To be continued.)
Provided by M.A. Mursi Umm Al Maradin International Est. P.O. Box 3654, Safat, Tel. 5337547/5337610.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

| SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 10/8/88 | | | |
|--|-------------------|--------------|---------|
| B.No. | Ships Name | Agent | Tel. |
| 1 | Al Naseer | KSA | 4843150 |
| 2 | Nikolay Morozov | Al Rashid | 2422026 |
| 3 | Ibn Al Nafes | KSA | 4843150 |
| 5 | Tropical Sun | ISA | 2441860 |
| 6 | Rashid | Qh&Q | 4747815 |
| 7 | Kanika 4 | Qh&Q | 4747815 |
| 8 | Tug Abu Samir | G. Star | 4845501 |
| 9 | Barge Alia | G. Star | 4845501 |
| 14 | Al Yamamah | KSA | 4843150 |
| 17 | Dresden | Steamco | 2439973 |
| SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT | | | |
| ETA | Ships Name | Agent | Tel. |
| 10/8 | Ohjin | ISA | 2441860 |
| 10/8 | Atlantic Reefer | S. Shaheen | 2432692 |
| 10/8 | Shaan | ISA | 2441860 |
| 10/8 | Great Liberty | Al Kamal | 2425437 |
| SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT | | | |
| B.No. | Ships Name | Agent | Tel. |
| 2 | Pearl | S.M.S | 4745471 |
| 7 | Anke | Marafie lot | 2465645 |
| 14 | Hercules | BB Hassan | 2440359 |
| NBH3 | Tug Gulf Master | S. Shaheen | 2432692 |
| NBH3 | Barge Dong AH-303 | S. Shaheen | 2432692 |
| SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT | | | |
| ETA | Ships Name | Agent | Tel. |
| 10/8 | Great Liberty | Al Kamal | 2425437 |
| 9/8 | Tug Salvanita | Sagership | 2432692 |
| 9/8 | Uco XVII | Sagership | 2432692 |
| 10/8 | Willine Orient | Gb Barber | 4842988 |
| 11/8 | Providence Bay | K.M.M.C.C. | 2419814 |
| 11/8 | New Oasis | A.S. Marafie | 4848665 |
| 14/8 | Soya Maru | R.S.M.S. | 2423642 |
| 15/8 | Trade Freedom | M.A. Bahar | 2433881 |
| 17/8 | Dravur | M.A. Bahar | 2433881 |
| 11/8 | Atropos | M.A. Bahar | 2433881 |
| COMPILED BY: | | | |
| Alghamin Barber Shipping Co. PO Box 21708-Satat-Kuwait, Alghamin Industries-Shuwaikh-Airport Road, Tel. 4842988, 4843988, ext. 3614/3628 | | | |

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Dear Junior Readers,

Although people can always find something to grumble about wherever they live, those living abroad, such as ourselves, are in a rather special position, for which we should be grateful. We have a wonderful opportunity to experience new sights, sounds, tastes and ways of doing things. However large or small the differences are, between the way of life in other countries and our own, we can be sure that we will see and do things that we can remember and learn from.

Travelling generally is very interesting, but you cannot really get to know a place if you only spend a couple of weeks there. So, make the best of your time here: nobody is asking you to like everything, only to understand what a great chance we have to know more about the world and the people in it.

Auntie Jayne

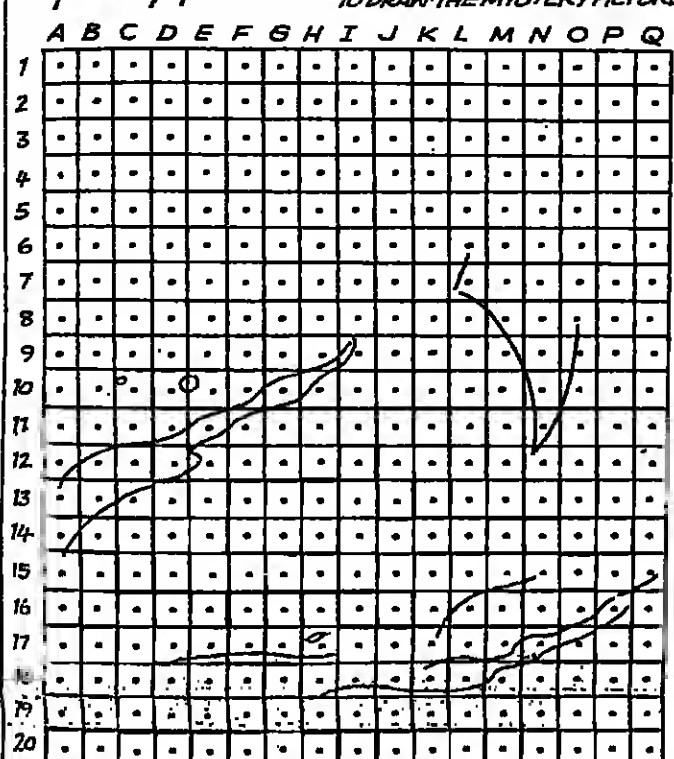
Happy Birthday

Mohammed Omar Alghannim celebrated his fourth birthday on 8th August. Best wishes for the future from your loving Daddy, Mummy, friends and relatives.



Mystery picture

USE A COLOURED PENCIL OR PEN. FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS TO DRAW THE MYSTERY PICTURE.



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Solution to Tuesday's general knowledge quiz:

1. The Church or religion. The reformation led to the establishment of Protestantism.
2. If your hearing was all right. An audiometer measures the acuteness of hearing.
3. The intensity of light. Also a device for determining the proper duration of exposure in photography.
4. A clerestory is the upper part of the nave, choir and transepts of a church, containing a series of windows, clear of the roofs of the side aisles, admitting light to the central part of the building.
5. Peru. Central Railway of Peru between Callao and Lroya.
6. The Mont Blanc tunnel in the Alps connecting France and Italy.
7. The heavens/globe/world.
8. Rebirth. From the French renaissance—to be born again. The Renaissance began in Italy in the 14th Century and it was a great revival of art and literature.
9. Castle or fortress. Strong heavy grating sliding up and down in vertical grooves at sides of gateway.
10. There was a plot to blow up the king and the Houses of Parliament. The searchers discovered a group of people including Guy Fawkes in the cellars with the gunpowder and were able to prevent the catastrophe.
11. Greek soldiers were hidden in the horse. A fire the gates of the city were closed at night they crept out, opened the gates and let the Greek army in. The city was plundered and burnt.
12. The Salic Law excludes female succession to the throne. William IV, who reigned before Victoria, was king of Hanover as well as king of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. But according to Hanoverian Salic Law the kingdom passed to an uncle of Victoria, the Duke of Cumberland. The Salic Law is still in force in Belgium, Liechtenstein, Norway and Sweden.
13. Silicon transistors are less sensitive to changes in temperature than are germanium transistors.
14. A gas that will not combine readily with any other chemical element. A gas which is chemically inactive. Also krypton, xenon, neon and radon. Also does not easily burn, or support combustion.
15. A composition of two or more metals, or metal plus non-metallic substance. Originally "alloy" was used when a base metal was mixed with a "nobler" one, especially in connection with coinage of gold and silver.
16. A shadow... cast by the gnomon, which is the name given to the flat piece of metal (or rod) sticking up from the centre of the dial. The position or length of the shadow indicates the hour.
17. An air bubble... which has been left in the liquid that fills the glass tube otherwise (alcohol or ether) and which moves when the spirit level is tilted. A spirit level is used for finding a horizontal line or plane.

BASEBALL
ROUNDUPWitt takes
Rangers
past Tigers

NEW YORK, Aug. 10, (AP): Bobby Witt is paying more attention to the hitters. The hitters wish he would leave them alone.

Witt pitched his sixth straight complete game since being recalled from the Minor leagues to the Texas Rangers beat the Detroit Tigers 6-2 last night. He held the first-place Tigers to just three hits.

"He's worrying about the hitter, not the baserunners," Texas manager Bobby Valentine said. "That's one of the things we've been preaching to him about."

Earned

Witt, 4-7, began the season with the Rangers, but quickly pitched his way to Oklahoma City. In his first six starts, Witt was 0-5 with a 7.68 earned run average.

"I went to Oklahoma City with the right attitude," said Witt, who was optioned May 10. "A lot of people, when they get sent down they dog it. But I wanted to get back as soon as possible and I knew I had put in the work to get that done."

Witt worked with Oklahoma City pitching instructor Ferguson Jenkins on his motion and approach to the game.

"Before, I'd go into the dugout between innings, cursing about some mistake I'd made," Witt said. "I'd dwell on what happened before, not on what I needed to do the next inning."

After Pat Sheridan's RBI double in the first, Witt set down the next 13 batters. He walked four and struck out four and is 4-2 with a 2.08 ERA since being recalled.

Detroit leads Boston by three games in the American League East. New York is in this, 3-1/2 games back.

Twins 4, Indians 3

Gary Gaetti hit a two-run homer and Kent Hrbek broke a sixth-inning tie with an RBI single as Minnesota sent Cleveland's Greg Swindell to his 10th loss in 12 decisions.

Fred Toivier, 4-1, allowed nine hits and struck out six in six innings. Jeff Reardon, the third Minnesota pitcher, pitched the ninth for his 30th save and 23rd of his career, moving past Sparky Lyle for fifth place on the all-time list.

Cleveland's Willie Upshaw had tied the game in the top of the sixth with his 10th homer, a three-run shot.

Gatti's homer, his 26th, gave Minnesota a 2-0 lead in the first inning against Swindell, 12-11.

Royals 5, Orioles 4

Pat Tabler's three-run double in the bottom of the ninth inning raised his lifetime batting average to .371 with the bases loaded as Kansas City beat Baltimore for the 10th straight time this season.

Tabler is 35-for-62 lifetime with the bases loaded and has 84 RBIs. This season, Tabler is 3-for-3 with a walk and nine RBIs. His game-winning hit came off Tom Niedenfuer, 1-2.

The Royals have not lost to Baltimore since July 25 of last season.

Israel Sanchez, 1-1, relieved Luis Aquino, making his first Major League start, and allowed three hits in five innings.

Standings

| National League | | | |
|-----------------|----|----|------|
| | W | L | Pct. |
| New York | 67 | 45 | .598 |
| Pittsburgh | 62 | 50 | .554 |
| Montreal | 60 | 51 | .541 |
| Chicago | 54 | 56 | .491 |
| St. Louis | 49 | 63 | .438 |
| Philadelphia | 48 | 63 | .432 |

| West Division | | | |
|---------------|----|----|------|
| | W | L | Pct. |
| Los Angeles | 62 | 49 | .559 |
| Houston | 62 | 50 | .554 |
| San Francisco | 59 | 53 | .527 |
| Cincinnati | 56 | 55 | .505 |
| San Diego | 52 | 60 | .464 |
| Atlanta | 38 | 74 | .339 |

| Yesterday's games | | | |
|-------------------|----|---------------|------|
| | W | L | Pct. |
| Pittsburgh | 10 | Montreal | 8 |
| St. Louis | 7 | Philadelphia | 3 |
| San Diego | 5 | Atlanta | 1 |
| Cincinnati | 6 | Los Angeles | 0 |
| Chicago | 6 | New York | 4 |
| Houston | 3 | San Francisco | 2 |

| American League | | | |
|-----------------|----|----|------|
| | W | L | Pct. |
| Detroit | 67 | 45 | .598 |
| Boston | 64 | 48 | .571 |
| New York | 62 | 47 | .569 |
| Milwaukee | 57 | 57 | .500 |
| Toronto | 56 | 58 | .491 |
| Cleveland | 53 | 60 | .469 |
| Baltimore | 37 | 74 | .333 |

| West Division | | | |
|---------------|----|----|------|
| | W | L | Pct. |
| Oakland | 71 | 43 | .623 |
| Minnesota | 63 | 49 | .563 |
| Kansas City | 57 | 55 | .509 |
| California | 57 | 56 | .504 |
| Texas | 49 | 61 | .445 |
| Seattle | 44 | 64 | .434 |
| Oakland | 44 | 69 | .389 |

| Yesterday's Games | | | |
|-------------------|---|------------|------|
| | W | L | Pct. |
| Milwaukee | 3 | Boston | 2 |
| Toronto | 5 | Milwaukee | 1 |
| Minnesota | 6 | New York | 3 |
| Kansas City | 4 | Cleveland | 3 |
| Texas | 5 | Baltimore | 4 |
| Seattle | 6 | Detroit | 2 |
| Oakland | 4 | California | 1 |
| Oakland | 8 | Chicago | 1 |

GIAMMALVA ELIMINATES ZIVOJINOVIC

Connors crushes Flach

TORONTO, Aug. 10, (Reuters): Former world number one Jimmy Connors, the old warhorse of the Grand Prix circuit, yesterday gave newcomer Doug Flach a tennis lesson at the \$602,500 Canadian Open championships.

The fourth-seeded Connors, who will turn 36 next month, outclassed Flach, the younger brother of American doubles star Ken Flach, 6-1 6-3 in a second round match.

"I felt dazed when I heard I was going to play Jimmy," said Flach, an amateur playing his first Grand Prix event who celebrates his 18th birthday today.

Legend
"But I learned a lot," Flach continued. "It was a great learning experience. He's a legend. He's just too good. He doesn't miss anything."

In an earlier first-round match, Australia's John Frawley upset 10th seed Amos Mansdorf 6-4 6-1. Sweden's Peter Lundgren, seeded 15, safely reached the second round with a comfortable 6-3 6-2 victory over American Chris Garner.

Connors broke Flach twice and surrendered just 14 points in the opening set.

In the second set Flach got a demonstration of his opponent's legendary temper.

With Connors leading 2-1 in



Connors gave Flach a tennis lesson

the second set, the fourth seed questioned a line call and during the changeover levelled a few choice remarks at the chair umpire.

"You sit up there like King

Farouk. Who are you to play God?" Connors yelled.

Connors, who received a code violation for the outburst, was asked how he can keep up such a level of intensity even in an early

round match against an amateur opponent.

"I just go out there to beat the other guys brains out," Connors said. "I don't want to stay out there any longer than I have to. Especially when I'm playing a young guy like Doug. He's got youth. Too bad they waste it on the young guys."

Later in the evening American Sammy Giammalva eliminated hard-serving Yugoslav Slobodan Zivojinovic, the 11th seed, 6-2 7-6, and American Jay Berger, seeded 16th, posted an easy first round win. But Australian John Fitzgerald, seeded 12, was taken to a third set tiebreak before ousting Canadian Grant Connell.

Straight

At 2-2 in the second set with Zivojinovic serving at 40-0, Giammalva bounced back with five straight points to earn the break and go up 3-2.

Zivojinovic came back to level the set at 5-5 and saved two break points to take the lead, but Giammalva held serve at love to force the tie break which he won 7-5.

In another second round match Yaya Dombia of Senegal survived another day because rain kept fifth-seeded Australian Pat Cash from finishing his off.

Cash dropped the first set but came back to lead 3-6 6-3 5-4 after five hours that included two lengthy rain delays.

Mecir and
Perez-Roldan
triumph

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Aug. 10, (AP): Top-seeded home star Miloslav Mecir and Argentina's Guillermo Perez-Roldan seeded No. 2, advanced to the second round in the \$170,000 Nabisco Grand Prix tennis tournament in Prague yesterday.

Mecir had no trouble dispatching his Davis Cup teammate Peter Korda 6-1, 6-2. After the first set walkover, Korda tried to vary his game but lost to his far more experienced compatriot in just 64 minutes.

Perez-Roldan, by contrast, took three hours and five minutes to defeat Soviet hopeful Andrei Cherkasov 6-2, 5-7, 7-6.

Winning the first set easily, the second-seeded, ranked-5th in the world, seemed to underestimate the 224th-ranked Soviet and let the second set slip away 5-7.

Survived

Coming back strongly in the opening games of the final set, Perez-Roldan built up a 5-2 lead and a match point in the tenth game, but finally survived to clinch the tie-breaker 7-3.

"Tennis is a game of chance and I guess I was a bit lucky in the end," Perez-Roldan told reporters.

Among other seeded players to make the second round, Thomas Muster of Austria crushed George Bezenecy of the United States 6-2, 6-1, and Czechoslovakia's Milan Srejber served and volleyed his way to a 5-7, 7-5, 6-3 victory over the United States' John Letts.

Last year's winner, unseeded Marian Vajda of Czechoslovakia, crashed out of the running in a 6-3, 7-6 victory by his compatriot Martin Strelba.

The last match of the day, interrupted by poor light, left No. 4 seed Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia and Francisco Yunis of Argentina with one set each. Yunis crushed the veteran Czech 6-3 in the first, but Smid rallied to take the second set 6-1.

Oilers trade
Gretzky for
over \$10m

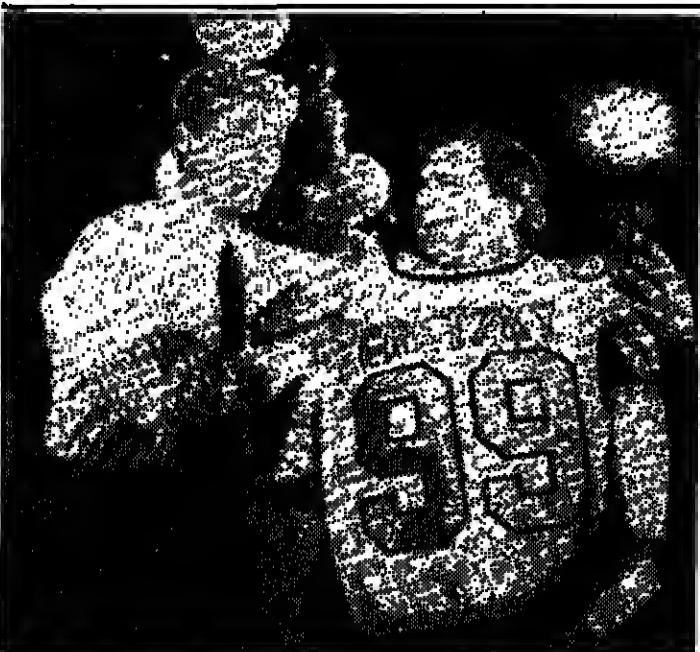
EDMONTON, Alberta, Aug. 10, (AP): Wayne Gretzky, the greatest hockey player of his time, was traded to the Los Angeles Kings by the Edmonton Oilers in one of the biggest deals in sports history.

The blockbuster trade involved four other players, three first-round draft choices and more than \$10 million.

Gretzky, who requested the trade, leaves a city that has become virtually synonymous with his name and jersey number, 99.

"I felt I was still young enough and capable enough to help a new franchise win the Stanley Cup," Gretzky told a packed news conference.

He also said he wanted the trade for personal reasons, "for the benefit of Wayne Gretzky, my new wife and our expected child in the new year."



Gretzky (left) holds up his new Kings jersey in front of the Los Angeles team owner Bruce McNall during a press conference on Tuesday. (Reuters wirephoto)

PGA Championship may help decide who's best

EDMOND, Okla., Aug. 10, (Reuters): The US PGA Championship, which begins here tomorrow, will either help settle, or help fuel, the controversy over where the best golfers come from these days.

If an American does not win the PGA, the fourth and final major championship of the year, it will lend credence to the argument that the United States no longer holds the monopoly on the game it has had since World War Two.

Non-Americans have already won two of the first three majors — Sandy Lyle of Britain, the Masters in April and Severiano Ballesteros of Spain the British Open last month.

Prevented

Only Curtis Strange's playoff victory over Briton Nick Faldo in the US Open in June prevented a European sweep.

If an American wins here, 131 are entered against only 19 foreigners — things will be all square and the debate will continue into next year.

But if an overseas golfer wins, American players and fans will have to reassess their contention that the United States still produces the best golfers.

The Oak Tree Golf Club course in this suburb of Oklahoma city is a fitting venue to help decide who is best.

The 7,015-yard, par-71 layout is rated just about the most difficult course in the country — and that is without the strong winds which often blow off the plains of Oklahoma in August.

"I don't know of any one that's tougher," said no less an authority than Jack Nicklaus — after playing only the first nine holes. "This is a tough golf course. No one has any argument about that."

While the driving areas are fairly friendly and the rough is not too long, the greens will make the difference.

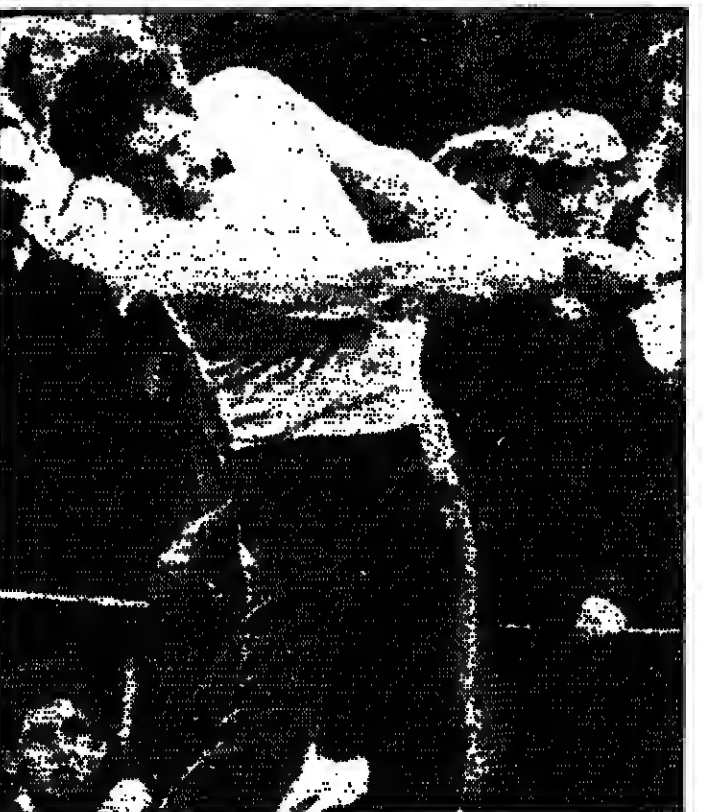
"They buried about eight elephants under some of those greens," Australian Greg Norman said yesterday as he prepared to play in his first tournament since aggravating an old wrist injury at the US Open in June.

"It's a good, tough test of golf for a major championship and the undulations in the greens make it even tougher."

Many of the putting surfaces have two, and sometimes three, levels, which calls for highly accurate approach shots.

"You have to be a very good iron player here," said Ballesteros, one of the foreign favorites after his impressive victory in the British Open.

"The greens are very small and it will be difficult to make putts



Ballesteros: Upgraded as favourite by Nicklaus

— too many double breaks. It is going to take a lot of accuracy, precision," Ballesteros said.

Nicklaus agreed that coping

with the greens was the key to victory, but he had a slightly different view about what it will take to win.



Sabatini: tamed White

Frazier stuns Shriver in
Los Angeles tourney

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 10, (Reuters): Fifteen-year-old Amy Frazier upset second-seeded Pam Shriver 6-4 3-6 7-5 in the second round of the \$300,000 Los Angeles tennis tournament yesterday.

It was the biggest professional victory in the short career of Frazier.

Third-seeded Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina breezed to a 6-1 7-5 win over American Wendy White, while 14th-seeded Sara Gomer beat Jo Durie 1-6 6-3 6-3 in an all-British second round match.

Top-seeded and newlywed Chris Evert of the US was to play her first match today against Eva Pfaff of West Germany in the second round. She received a first round bye in the 56-player hard court event, a warm-up for the US Open.

Frazier, 119 in the world, hit lines with her groundstrokes throughout the match and showed no sign of nerves against the experienced Shriver, fourth in the world.

Frazier, who does not play the tour full time, raced to a 3-1 lead in the first set. She held on to her

third game service break to close out the set, but Shriver recovered to win the second set on two service breaks.

Shriver, who recently recovered from mononucleosis, then raced to a 3-0 lead in the third set with two service breaks in hand but stumbled as Frazier played fearlessly and broke her serve in the tenth and twelfth games to win the match.

Frazier, who has only won three professional matches this year, said that she did not expect to beat Shriver, as the highest ranked player she had ever defeated was ranked in the mid-thirties.

"I was just going out there and hoping to give her a good match. There was never any pressure on me. I didn't think I could win until the first game of the second set, but I knew I still had a long way to go," an ecstatic Frazier said.

Shriver was more surprised that she let Frazier get the two service breaks back in the third set than she was with the teenager's baseline game and added, "She played well, but I've seen 30 other teenagers play like that for one match and get a big win."

Carlsson routs Romanian
to move into second round

SAINT VINCENT, Italy, Aug. 10, (UPI): Top seeded Swede Kent Carlsson, fresh off a five-set finals victory two days ago, swept through quickly yesterday for a place in the second round of a \$155,000 men's Grand Prix tennis tournament.

Clay court specialist Carlsson, the world No. 12, had little trouble in subduing Romanian Florin Segarceanu 6-0, 6-4, a marked contrast to a five-set struggle which the Swede needed to take the title on Sunday at Kitzbuehel, Austria over Spain's Emilio Sanchez.

Carlsson, fully healed from knee problems which forced him out of the Nabisco Grand Prix event here a year ago, whitewashed Segarceanu in the first set before the Romanian managed to win his first game to open the second set.

The top seed was broken in the fourth game for 1-3 but broke back for 2-3 before holding serve for 3-0 and marching on to easy victory.

Segarceanu hit a backhand approach shot long to end the contest on first match point.

Sixth-ranked Francesco Cancellotti provided one of the few bright spots for Italian players yesterday as he defeated fellow countryman Omar Urbanati 6-3, 6-4.

Compatriot Claudio Panatta squandered a 5-3 lead in the third set, to go out at the hands of Spain's Juan Aguilera 6-4, 4-6, 7-5.

Panatta looked like gaining the second round at the Alpine tennis complex with his baselinic tactics.

But Aguilera won four games in a row to sweep past and claim the match with a third-set rally.

He will face third-seeded Argentine Alberto Mancini, bidding for an Italian passport on the basis of family ties, in the second round.

In other results on a blisteringly hot day in the mountains, Austrian Alex Antonitsch, wearing an American-style baseball cap to ward off the sun, beat Italian Ivano Cappelloni, in a 0-6, 6-3, 6-4 comeback.

Italy's Alessandro Baldoni joined the list of losers, going down 7-6 (7-5), 2-6, 6-2 to defending tournament champion Pedro Rebolledo, Chile, the seventh seed.

Archibald
signs for
Hibernian

EDINBURGH, Scotland, Aug. 10, (Reuters): Former Scotland striker Steve Archibald joined Scottish Premier Division side Hibernian yesterday, then revealed why he had not linked up with his former international colleague Kenny Dalglish at Liverpool.

Archibald, who received a £250,000 (\$425,000) "golden handshake" from Spanish club Barcelona last month, said: "Quite simply, Hibs pushed harder than Liverpool."

"I spoke to Liverpool as well as another couple of clubs. Liverpool did make an offer but it didn't come to fruition, because, as I say, Hibs forced the issue for my signature."

Archibald, 32 next month, returns to the Premier Division eight years after his £800,000 move from Aberdeen to Tottenham.

Ambitious

And the owner of 27 caps, who agreed to a two-year deal with Hibs, said: "I am still ambitious, and want to win things in football, and from my first look I can tell that things are shaping up well. The club has always had a great tradition."

It is doubtful whether Archibald will be able to make his debut for Hibs when the Scottish season swings into action on Saturday. The club are still awaiting his registration form from Spain, and Archibald has not trained for some time.

Hibs boss Alex Miller said: "Steve comes here as a proven goal-scorer. We are basically a very young side, but he has the quality and experience which will hopefully rub off on the younger players."

Hodge sold
to Forest for
\$977,500

LONDON, Aug. 10, (Reuters): England midfielder Steve Hodge agreed personal terms for his transfer from First Division side Tottenham to his old club Nottingham Forest today.

Manager Brian Clough said: "Steve Hodge is definitely a Forest player subject, of course, to the formal medical examination."

The clubs had agreed a deal worth £575,000 (\$977,500) but there was a hold-up over Hodge's personal terms. No details were given of how the issue was resolved.

England defender Graham Roberts is returning from Scotland after just 18 months to play for London Second Division side Chelsea for £470,000 (\$799,000).

Roberts, 29, moved to Rangers from Tottenham for £430,000 (\$765,000) in December 1986.

Row

But Rangers manager Graeme Souness made it clear after a dressing-room row in April that Roberts, who captained Rangers to last season's Scottish League Cup, would not play for the club again.

The sale of Hodge continued Venables' major turnover of staff since taking over from David Pleat last November.

He has already sold striker Clive Allen to Bordeaux, Belgian international Nico Claesen to Antwerp and defender Neil Ruddock to Millwall for £300,000.

Belgium extends
deadline for
safe stadiums

BRUSSELS, Aug. 10, (Reuters): More than three years after the Heysel tragedy, Belgium has been forced to extend a deadline for improving safety standards in its stadiums after many clubs failed to meet the original 1988 target date.

Belgian Interior Minister Louis Tobback has now set 1990 as the deadline for clubs to meet safety standards established after the May 1985 tragedy in which 39 people died in riots between rival fans, a ministry spokesman said today.

The drama, just before the start of the European Cup final between Liverpool and Juventus, led to an indefinite ban from European competition of all English clubs.

Standards

In July 1986 the Interior Ministry gave Belgian clubs two years to bring their safety standards up to scratch. But the spokesman said that despite some improvements, many clubs had still failed to comply fully with the new standards.

Toback has now ordered a report on all First Division clubs and warned he will close stadiums if safety standards prove inadequate.

Toback also plans to keep matches labelled "high risk," away from Heysel — Belgium's national stadium — as long as the ground is not judged entirely safe, the spokesman added.

Championship only recently and without explanation.

Norman, whose only major title is the 1986 British Open — despite some very close finishes — was also baffled by Lyle's decision.

"Most definitely," Norman said when asked if he was surprised. "He has a chance to win two majors in one year. How many times do you have a chance to do that?"

"I gear my whole life around the majors and I can't comprehend not entering a major."

Meanwhile Strange is still upset about Tony Jacklin's remark at the British Open that European players are better than Americans.

Public

"I don't care what you think or feel — you can think or feel anything you want — but sometimes you should not say it in public," Strange said yesterday after a practice round.

Jacklin, captain of the past two victorious European Ryder Cup teams, said at the Open at Royal Lytham St Annes that he thought a European would win the cup "because we're better now."

"When we (Americans) were winning all those Ryder Cups and British Opens we didn't brag that we were better," said Strange.

"I guess it's what he thought was right for him. I'm not going to criticise him. But you don't see it very often."

Lyle withdrew from the PGA

SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

Aussies manager

SYDNEY, Aug 10, (Reuters): Former Test umpire Colin Edgar was today appointed manager of the Australian cricket team for their tour of Pakistan starting on September 3. Edgar previously toured Pakistan as manager in 1982 and was the manager of the 1984 tour of West Indies, officials said.

Life ban

LONDON, Aug 10, (Reuters): British pole vaulter Jeff Gutteridge lost his appeal yesterday against a life ban for taking drugs. An independent tribunal upheld the suspension imposed by the British Amateur Athletic Board two weeks ago.

US basketball

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Aug 10, (Reuters): Cheryl Miller, who sparked the US women's basketball team to the 1984 Olympic gold medal and the 1986 world championship, has injured her right knee and will miss the Seoul Games. US officials said yesterday.

Terry Butcher

GLASGOW, Scotland, Aug 10, (Reuters): England defender Terry Butcher made his first appearance for Glasgow Rangers since breaking his leg last November and scored in a 3-1 pre-season win over French side Bordeaux yesterday.

Ajdal dies

LONDON, Aug 10, (Reuters): Ajdal, last season's English champion sprinter, has been put down after shattering a leg at stud. The son of top sire Northern Dancer, syndicated for \$7.2 million pounds sterling (\$12.24 million), Ajdal had just completed his first season as a stallion at owner Sheikh Mohammed's stud in Newmarket.

Soviets triumph

SYDNEY, Aug 10, (Reuters): The Soviet Union beat Australia 86-77 (half-time 47-39) in the second international of their six-match basketball series today. The Soviet Union lead the series 2-0.

Drink clampdown

NEWMARKET, England, Aug 10, (AP): Horseracing authorities in Britain are considering a clampdown on on-course drinking after a racegoer was killed during a brawl at the famous Newmarket track at the weekend. While police yesterday held nine spectators in connection with the death of 24-year-old Keith Dance, representatives of the jockey club ordered a review of the sales of liquor at race meets.

Soccer friendly

OSLO, Norway, Aug 10, (AP): Norway and Bulgaria tied 1-1 (1-0) in a friendly soccer game here last night. Both teams are currently warming for preliminary World Cup qualification matches this fall. One of the teams impressed a crowd of 1,150 fans at Ullevaal stadium in a warm evening.

Former champion

LONDON, Aug 10, (UPI): David Broome, 48, has been selected for Britain's equestrian team after an absence of 16 years. The former world champion, who competed in the Olympic Games of 1960, 1964, 1972, turned professional in 1973, but has re-registered as a competitor.

WARWICKSHIRE SCORE SIXTH WIN OF SEASON

Worcestershire close gap at top

LONDON, Aug 10, (Reuters): Worcestershire, in the running for three titles, moved into second place in the English County Cricket Championship only 11 points behind Kent when they beat Sussex at Kidderminster yesterday.

They won by nine wickets after taking Sussex's last two wickets for 16 to bowl them out for 237 in their second innings. Gordon Lord was the man out while they scored the 14 runs needed for their seventh win of the season.

Romped

Phil Newport, Worcestershire's fast bowler, took one more wicket for a match return of nine for 128 and wicketkeeper Steve Rhodes finished with a personal record of nine catches in the match.

Apart from lying second in the county championship, Worcestershire are in the semifinals of the NatWest Trophy and need three more wins to be sure of retaining the Sunday League title.

Warwickshire romped to their sixth win of the season, beating Northamptonshire by six wickets to boost their title aspirations. It was their fifth success at Edgbaston and Northampton-



Newport: nine for 128



Rhodes: nine catches

shire captain Geoff Cook described the pitch at the Birmingham Test ground as "dangerous".

Northamptonshire made only 98 in their second innings, leaving the home team a modest target of 82. Though Warwickshire lost four wickets for 40, Asif Din guided them home with a patient, unbeaten 31.

Phil Bainbridge hit a career-best 169 and shared a third-wicket stand of 218 with Kevin Curran as Gloucestershire forced a draw with Yorkshire at

Four wickets apiece for Allan Warner and Devon Malcolm gave Derbyshire victory over Somerset by 183 runs at Weston-Super-Mare.

Warner finished with four for 37 and Malcolm four for 43 as they bowled superbly on a slow pitch to dismiss Somerset for 82.

Results

At Kidderminster: Worcestershire beat Sussex by nine wickets. Sussex 146 in 47.3 overs and 237 (P. Newport four for 66). Worcestershire 370 in 112.3 overs and 14 for one. Worcestershire 24 points Sussex 2.

At Old Trafford: Middlesex beat Lancashire by ten wickets. Lancashire 235 in 107.1 overs and 142 (N. Cowans five for 48, J. Emburey four for 26). Middlesex 305 in 103.2 overs and 73 for no wicket. Middlesex 22 points Lancashire 6.

At Edgbaston: Warwickshire beat Northamptonshire by six wickets. Northamptonshire 261 in 89.3 overs and 98 (A. Merrick five for 26). Warwickshire 278 in 88.1 overs and 82 for four. Warwickshire 23 points Northamptonshire 7.

At Weston-Super-Mare: Derbyshire beat Somerset by 186 runs. Derbyshire 324 in 119.5

overs and 22 for four declared (H. Morris 59 not out, J. Wright 59). Somerset 281 for eight declared in 78.3 overs and 82 (A. Warner four for 37, D. Malcolm four for 43). Derbyshire 22 points Somerset 5.

At Swansea: Glamorgan v Surrey match drawn. Surrey 297 in 123.5 overs and 171 for nine declared (I. Greig 45, P. Atkins 41, S. Barwick five for 37, R. Ontong four for 38). Glamorgan 262 in 95.5 overs (H. Medlycott five for 122) and 98 for three (A. Butcher 65 not out). Glamorgan 5 points Surrey 6.

At Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Yorkshire match drawn. Yorkshire 367 for eight declared in 100.4 overs and 104 for four. Gloucestershire 214 in 76 overs and 404 for six declared (P. Bainbridge 169, K. Curran 98). Gloucestershire 5 points Yorkshire 8.

At Leicester: Leicestershire v Hampshire match drawn. Leicestershire 298 in 100.3 overs and 212 for four declared (J. Whitaker 87 not out, P. Willey 56). Hampshire 260 for eight declared in 97.3 overs and 233 for nine (C. Smith 68, R. Scott 41, L. Taylor six for 49). Leicestershire 6 points Hampshire 7.



Vengsarkar to play for Somerset next year

NEW DELHI, Aug 10, (Reuters): Indian Test batsman Dilip Vengsarkar, who has just completed a six-month international ban, said today he would play English county cricket for Somerset next year.

"I have accepted an offer from Somerset in principle and look forward to playing county cricket. We will now discuss the terms," Vengsarkar said in a telephone interview from Bombay. Vengsarkar, banned in February by the Indian board

for violating a contract for bidding him from writing newspaper articles, said Somerset's cricket manager Brian Rose had made the offer.

Somerset already have two overseas players but New Zealander Martin Crowe, who returned home earlier this season with a back injury, may not play county cricket again and all-rounder Steve Waugh will be required for Australia's tour of England next year.

Press and public rally around Coe

LONDON, Aug 10, (Reuters): A groundswell of British public support is keeping alive Sebastian Coe's slender hopes of chasing a third Olympic title in Seoul next month.

Britain's popular press and public alike have rallied around Coe, arguably the world's most gifted middle-distance runner of the decade, who was controversially left out of the nation's Olympic squad by the British Amateur Athletic Board (BAAAB) on Monday.

One national newspaper's back-page headline proclaimed today: "Coe must go," insisting that the Olympic 1,500 metres champion on 1980 and 1984 should run in Seoul.

And another reported that the selectors — angry at having their recommendation to select Coe for the 800 metres ignored by the

BAAAB council — might ask the British Olympic Association (BOA) to insist on Coe's selection.

The BOA said today that it had not been approached by the selectors.

But spokeswoman Caroline Searle said: "I don't think we would get involved. If we'd wanted to intervene we would have done some months ago when the BAAAB announced their selection policy."

"There are wiser athletics heads than ours." But it is not unprecedented for the BOA to insist on a team change prior to an Olympics.

In 1976, the BOA and then sports minister Denis Howell forced Britain's boxing authorities to omit a boxer picked for the Montreal Games by his selector father.

Searle said: "The rules state

that entries for the Olympics should be submitted by the National Olympic Committee."

"But in practice, we let the sports governing bodies decide who should go."

She added: "The BAAAB have given us their full entry for the games and the 800 and 1,500 metre places are filled."

"I think the only way Coe will get in now is if one of those nominated for the 800 and 1,500 metres gets injured. He is first reserve for both events."

The selectors are reported to have voted unanimously for Coe to join Steve Cram and Tom McKean — first and second in the British trials at the weekend — in the 800 metres.

But the full 21-member BAAAB council disregarded their recommendation, voting 11-10 in favour of world championship

runner-up Peter Elliott ahead of world record holder, twice Olympic silver medalist and European champion Coe.

Coe failed to reach the 1,500 metres final at the trials having mistimed his return from high-altitude training. But the press campaign for his inclusion has been prompted by a wave of public sympathy for the man who has won more Olympic medals than any other Briton.

The Daily Mirror said it had been "besieged by calls of complaint," following Coe's omission and said the 31-year-old "had been treated like dirt."

It added: Coe's history is not about winning at the British trials. It is peaking for Olympic gold.

"Therefore, Coe must get the chance to end his glittering career on the biggest stage of all — the Olympic Games in Seoul."

Lora denies doping charges

BOGOTA, Aug 10, (Reuters): Colombia's world bantamweight boxing champion Miguel "Happy" Lora denied yesterday having used drugs before last week's title fight against US challenger Alberto Davila.

"It's an infamous dirty trick," Lora told the Caracol radio station after California's athletics commission announced that traces of amphetamine and marijuana were found in the urine sample he gave after the August 1 fight in Los Angeles.

World Boxing Council (WBC) president Jose Sulaiman told a Colombian radio station from Mexico that a counter-test would be made and no final decision would be taken before August 19.

US athletes fail drug test at trials

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Aug 10, (Reuters): US athletics competitors tested positive for banned substances at both the US Olympic trials and US National Championships, officials said yesterday.

While refusing to name the athletes or say if they were members of the US athletics team for Seoul, the officials, who represent the US Olympic Committee (USOC) and the US national governing body for athletics, confirmed to Reuters there had been positive laboratory tests for substances banned by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) at the two meetings.

And some of the athletes who tested positive at the US championships in June were allowed to compete in the Olympic trials a month later while their appeals were being heard, one of the officials said.

The positive tests, however, did not involve Florence Griffith-Joyner, Jackie Joyner-Kersey and Steve Lewis, who set world records at the Olympic trials. Bery Wagner, national coach/co-ordinator for the Athletics Congress (TAC) of the US, said in a telephone interview from a US Olympic training site in Santa Barbara, California.

Negative

"We had their samples sent to Canada for testing and they all were negative," Wagner said.

But other athletes at the July 15-23 trials in Indianapolis did test positively. Dr Robert Voy, USOC chief medical officer, told Reuters.

"We had positive (Lab) tests, but all of the test are not in," Voy said at USOC headquarters in Colorado Springs.

He declined to say how many athletes were involved.

But he said an appeals process for the affected athletes would be completed before the September 17 Olympics and no athlete who failed final tests for substances and lost his or her appeals would be permitted to compete in Seoul.

Wagner said he had no information from Voy concerning the Olympic trials testing, but he did confirm there were positive tests at the US National Championships in June at Tampa, Florida.

"Yes, there were some positives at TAC (the US championships) and some of them did appear in the trials," Wagner said. "But I cannot tell you who. I'm also not at liberty to say how many, but it was not a great number and it was definitely less than a dozen."

Johnson ready to set new world record

SESTRIERE, Italy, Aug 10, (Agencies): Ben Johnson, the world 100-metre sprint champion, predicted today that he will set a new world mark between 9.75-9.78 seconds this year, and not necessarily in the Olympic final in Seoul.

"My legs are 100 per cent ready for an Olympic title and for a new world record... the record can happen anytime, also before Seoul," said the 26-year-old from Toronto, who is the holder of the world record of 9.83 seconds.

The Canadian, who had been sidelined for about three months with a leg muscle injury, made his prediction in this Italian Alpine resort where he will compete in a prestigious track meet tomorrow, including US star-sprinters Carl Lewis, Calvin Smith and Joe DeLoach.

Races will be run in the highest European track, at 2,050 metres above sea-level, and experts say altitude could help in setting new world records.

Lewis, who finished second to Johnson in the 100-metre final at the 1987 World Championships in Rome, will compete in the 200-metre race, avoiding a showdown with his Canadian rival in the shorter distance.

Johnson said: "It's Lewis who does not race with me. Even



Johnson: aims to break his own record

though Lewis is racing at this meet, as long as he's not in my race, it does not matter."

Relations between Johnson and his American rival are known to be cool but the Canadian sprinter said smiling broadly, "I like everybody, also Lewis."

Johnson said he only ran once in altitude, at Provo, Utah, last year.

"I clocked 10.09 seconds despite a leg cramp... I feel I can make 9.8 here, if weather is good. I checked the track. It's very fast."

He said he will compete in the meets in Zurich, Berlin and Cologne before the Olympics.

"I believe I will face Lewis only in Seoul. He's not yet ready for the 100 metres. He will be fit by the Olympics however," John-

son said. He ruled out the possibility he can run the 200 metres during this season.

"I don't want to change my training. I want to concentrate on the 100 this year."

The world champion, who ran a wind-aided 9.9 seconds in the 100-metre final at the Canadian national championships last Saturday, will face fellow-Canadian Desai Williams and Americans Joe DeLoach, Mike March, Harvey Glance and Dennis Mitchell in the 100-metre race at the newly-built Sestriere track.

Lewis will compete against fellow-Americans Calvin Smith and Heard Floyd and France's Gilles Quenheville in the 200.

While in Italy, Johnson will also run the relay race on the Canadian team in the Adriatic resort of Cesenatico Saturday.

His entourage disclosed that Japanese organisers are trying to set up a Lewis-Johnson 100-metre challenge in Tokyo after the Olympics.

"Negotiations are in progress," Johnson's manager said.

Italy's Pietro Mennea, 36, who still holds the 19.72 second world 200 metres record he set in 1979, has pulled out of the meeting saying he wanted to run instead on Wednesday evening in Grosseto where he started a comeback

hid a year ago.

The East German women have come to Sestriere in force. Marlies Goehr and Kerstin Krahbe will be looking for victory in the 100 metres against US Olympic champion Evelyn Ashford, who lost her world record for the distance at last month's US trials.

World 100 and 200 metres champion Silke Moeller leads a field of two other East Germans and four Italians in the 200 metres.

Clash

The Sestriere meeting, which starts in the late morning to avoid the high winds that sweep the resort in the early evening, also features a clash in the 400 metres between world junior champion and record holder Steve Lewis and fellow-American Danny Everett.

Los Angeles Olympic champion Roger Kingdom of the United States faces former world record holder Renaldo Nehemiah in the 110 metres hurdles.

But the absence of Edwin Moses, who says high-altitude competition is not part of his Seoul training programme, leaves Americans David Patrick and Kevin Young clear favourites in the 400 metres hurdles, where they face a handful of Italian athletes.



Aouita to run 1,500 metres at Cologne Grand Prix

COLOGNE, West Germany, Aug 10, (Reuters): Moroccan world record holder Said Aouita will run the 1,500 metres at next week's Cologne Grand Prix athletics meeting, the promoter said today.

"After Edwin Moses declined to compete we could meet his (Aouita's) financial demands," said Manfred Gerner, president of the Cologne Athletics Club.

Inquiry

"He immediately asked how much more we would pay if he set a world record in Cologne," Gerner did not say how he responded to Aouita's inquiry.

The Moroccan, whose world record of 3:29.46 was set two years ago, is likely to race against world champion Abdi Bile of Ethiopia in the 1,500 metres.

Canada's Ben Johnson, the world 100 metres record holder, will also appear in the August 21 meeting, Gerner said.

Other stars lined up include Brazil's Olympic champion Joaquim Cruz and Kenyan world champion Billy Konchella in the men's 800 metres, and American Sydney Marce and world cross-country champion John Ngugi of Kenya in the 3,000 metres.

Elliott begins Tour of Britain with two wins

YORK, England, Aug 10, (AP): British professional Malcolm Elliott began the six-day Tour of Britain cycle race with two victories yesterday by winning the time trial and then the first road race through north-east England.

Elliott edged out Switzerland's Thomas Wegmüller after 19 leaders had completed the 120-mile (192 km) race with five circuits on the narrow streets of this ancient city.

Overall

The Briton earned nine seconds in time deductions with his successes in the intermediate sprints which were decided as the race sped through the rugged but scenic North York moors.

With ten seconds deduction for his smart victory here the Englishman's overall lead was boosted to 19 seconds.

A "MARATHON" bridge game will be held at the Regency Palace hotel tomorrow at 3.00 pm.

Results of the Hilton Bridge Club games held on Sunday:

1. Dona Matery & K.T. Simon
2. Anne Cox & Lyn Edwards
3. Rita Cannacini

From Sunday, Aug 14, the Hilton Bridge Club games will be held at the Regency Palace every week at the usual time.

Results of the Sheraton Tuesday bridge:

N/S
1. Ramer Samaha & Marcel Zanahri
2. Dona Matery & K.T. Simon
3. Narendra Shah & Khursheed Zuberi

E/W
1. Salman Ali & Bens Carsten
2. Ravi Bhat & Desmond Pereira
3. R. Sapre & S. Aurora.

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